

Student U – 3 positions

3601 Ridge Road

Durham, NC

<http://studentu.da.org>

Start date: June 2, 2008

About the agency: The mission of Student U. is twofold: to inspire Durham middle school students to believe that they can succeed in an academic environment and to motivate college students to pursue careers in public education. Student U. has two main components: The first is a free, 6-week academically intense summer enrichment program in which Durham middle school students are taught and led by Triangle area college students at Durham Academy. The second component sustains the summer academic growth through weekly tutoring and monthly mentoring outings, both also led by the college-age teachers.

Internship Description: An APPLES intern will serve as a Student U. teacher. This teacher will be responsible for teaching two sections of one core academic class (math, science, English, or Global Connect) as well as teaching one elective class completely designed by the intern based on his or her passions. Class sizes range from five to seven students. The inter will work with mentor teachers, certified teachers from the Durham Public Schools and Durham Academy, to create curriculum and write lesson plans for his or her classes and will be supported throughout the summer experience by these mentors as well as the Student U. Dean of Faculty. The intern will also be expected to fully immerse him or herself into the Student U. community, co-leading a Student U. Family and participating in all community events.

Key elements of the summer program:

- Five days a week from 7:30 - 4:00 (plus free aftercare until 5:30 pm) from June 16 through July 28
- Four core academically rigorous classes and three elective classes with daily homework. Classes are exciting and interactive, taught by intelligent, enthusiastic college students.
- Student-teacher ratio: 3:1. Average class size: 6
- Curriculum for math, science, English, and “Global Connect” developed by Durham Public Schools curriculum specialists and Student U. program staff. Elective classes developed by Student U. teachers according to their individual expertise.
- Field trips and community events: Beaufort Marine Lab, Duke Lemur Center, Nasher Museum, *Community Service Day, Student U. Olympics, Talent Show, and Durham Day.*

Skills Needed: Energetic and enthusiastic. Enjoy working with children.

Concentrations of Interest: Interns will have a better understanding of children and challenges facing education today and will also have gained great teaching experience and will have increased confidence in their ability to make in a difference in the lives of others. Education, Child Psychology/Development, or anyone considering a career working with and/or advocating for children.

Transportation Needed: None, just the ability to get to/from the site