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PICS 2010 Internship Description

Organization Name: Jumpstart for Young Children

Internship Location: Boston, MA

Required Dates: Yes No If yes, internship must start on: _____ and end on _____ or
must include the period:

Housing Will Be Available to Intern: Yes No If yes, housing will be free: or housing
will cost the student:

Expected working schedule for this internship:

Start Time: 9am End Time: 5:30pm
Lunch break: 30 mins (duration) (specific time, if applicable)

Additional Information, if necessary:

(Please indicate if any of the preparation work will take place outside of the regular work schedule)

Organization Description

Please describe your organization briefly, including mission statement, activities, size etc. Please also explain the benefit that will be derived by your organization by sponsoring a Princeton intern.

Jumpstart's mission is to engage caring adults in service to work toward the day every child in America enters school prepared to succeed. Through individualized, curriculum rich mentoring relationships between young children and adults, Jumpstart inspires children to learn, adults to teach, families to become involved in their child's education, and communities to progress together. Jumpstart's activities focus on preparing children for school success, involving families, and encouraging careers in education and leadership.

To accomplish this, Jumpstart partners with colleges and universities to recruit and train Federal Work-Study college students (known as Corps members) to work with at-risk preschool children to develop language, literacy, and social skills. These college students – who might otherwise work in cafeterias or in other on-campus positions – become Jumpstart Corps members with the power to fundamentally change a child's life.

Jumpstart has gained incredible momentum in the last few years, growing the number of children served by 20-35% each year and garnering national attention. For example, for the past five years, *Fast*

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Company magazine named Jumpstart one of the 20 leading social organizations in the country, the result of an evaluation by the Monitor Group. In addition, Jumpstart hosted President George W. Bush, Senator John Kerry, and Senator Hillary Rodham Clinton within the last few years. In addition, with incredible support from American Eagle, Sodexo, Hyatt, Hannah Anderson, Pearson Education, and the NBC Today Show, for the past three years Jumpstart has set the world record for the number of children read to with one book, on one day! Jumpstart has engaged many celebrities in this work including Lo Bosworth, Mary Louise Parker, LL Cool J, and Vince Vaughn.

Jumpstart's accomplishments in the Northeast Region, one of 7 markets across the country that provide direct support to each of our operating sites, have been particularly far-reaching. In the past, Jumpstart Northeast was the recipient of the Carter Partnership Award. This is an award given out once every three years to outstanding campus/community collaboration. Jumpstart has also been recognized by Bank of America as an outstanding Neighborhood Builder, winning a prestigious grant and organizational support from 2007-2009. The Northeast Region is introducing both a new curriculum and program model in order to better serve the children we work with, and will be launching Jumpstart's first longitudinal study since 1999. In total, Jumpstart's Northeast Region will engage 740 caring Corps members in service to over 2,700 children at preschool centers across Massachusetts this year.

Internship Description

Describe in detail the work or project will do; please be as specific as possible. Please also explain the benefit that a student will obtain by interning with your organization.

Jumpstart works with interns to tailor tasks and projects to their unique interests and skill set. In the past Princeton summer interns have done projects focusing on:

- **Community Outreach-** Interns have explored the communities surrounding Jumpstart preschools and created community orientations for Corps members unfamiliar with the area.
- **Training for Staff and Corps members-** Interns have worked with regional staff to create professional development resources for site staff, as well as, community trainings, family trainings, diversity trainings, safety trainings and citizenship trainings for site staff to use with Corps members.
- **Policy Work-** Interns have provided legislative updates at regional team meetings on items relating to early childhood education and volunteerism in the states the Northeast Region serves.
- **Family Involvement-** Interns have worked to provide site staff with outreach materials that they can give families to empower their involvement in the education system. Interns have also created easy one-page take-home activities which Corps members can give to families to extend Jumpstart's impact into the home.
- **Event Planning-** Interns have worked on multiple events including planning Jumpstart's Read for the Record Campaign, Young Professionals Host Committee events, and family events.

A Princeton summer intern would continue to develop these projects and work on projects specific to his/her interests and the Northeast Region's needs. All summer interns also have the opportunity to work on Jumpstart's Read for the Record- a national campaign to encourage hundreds of thousands of children and adults to read the same book on the same day. In addition, interns have helped to plan corporate volunteer events that enable employees to have direct experience with Jumpstart's work in the Northeast. Interns also have the opportunity to work with regional staff to research possible preschool partners and service sites for the upcoming program year. Furthermore, interns gain valuable exposure and experience managing internal operations of Jumpstart's Northeast Region. Overall, the goal in hosting an intern is to give them valuable and applicable experience in skills that will further their professional development.

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Intern Qualifications

Describe any particular skills, background, or qualities you are seeking in an intern.

Jumpstart is looking to work with a highly-motivated student who is interested in working in a fast-paced, fun, and challenging environment. S/He must be able to work both independently and on a team, manage multiple projects effectively, and should have strong verbal and written communication skills. This internship may also require travel in the Greater Boston area via public transportation

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