LOYOLA UNIVERSITY CHICAGO  
2016-2017 Social Justice Internship Grant

The Social Justice Internship Grant Program is a year-long, 250-275 hour internship experience. Students will have the opportunity to engage in significant work at one of two Chicago area non-profits: Catholic Charities and Misericordia. Through a competitive application process, 10 students will be selected and will move through the internship experience in a cohort model. In the first (fall) semester, students will participate in trainings on campus and at their site. The cohort will meet monthly for community building, reflection, and continued training. In the second (spring) semester, students will enroll in a section of EXPL 390, gaining 3 hours of academic credit for their internship experience.

Students will receive a $2,000.00 grant each semester ($4,000.00 total) per successful completion of program requirements. This grant will be applied to the student’s educational costs at Loyola.

About Catholic Charities:

Whether they are young or old, hungry or addicted, homeless or friendless, Catholic Charities sees the face of God in those in need. By providing food, clothing, shelter and counseling, we bring hope to the hopeless in the city of Chicago and its suburbs.

All about help and just about everywhere. Catholic Charities is in your neighborhood. With more than 159 programs at 156 locations across Cook and Lake Counties, we help people of all races and religions move toward empowerment and self-sufficiency. Last year we touched the lives of more than 1 million parents, children, seniors and individuals, helping them through hard times.

Only 8 cents of every dollar donated goes toward our administrative expenses; the rest goes directly to help clients. While Catholic Charities raises funds separately from the Archdiocese of Chicago, we serve as the social service arm of the church. When clients seek help from Catholic Charities—whether for emergency assistance or for another type of help—they enter into a network with services that range from counseling to job training to immunization linkage.

About Misericordia:

The mission of Misericordia Heart of Mercy is to support individuals with developmental disabilities in maximizing their level of independence and self-determination within an environment that fosters spirituality, dignity, respect and enhancement of quality of life. We promote development of natural family and community support, community awareness, education and advocacy.

Misericordia offers a community of care that maximizes potential for persons with mild to profound developmental disabilities, many of whom are also physically challenged. By serving society’s most vulnerable citizens, Misericordia also serves the families who want the best for them, yet cannot provide it at home.

Through a spectrum of residential options on its 31-acre Chicago campus and in the community, and with a wide variety of programs, Misericordia currently serves more than 600 children and adults from diverse racial, religious and socio-economic backgrounds. Twenty percent of our residents either come from poverty families or have no families and are wards of the State.
Who is Eligible to Apply
To be eligible to participate in this scholarship competition, students must meet all of the following criteria:

- Rising sophomore, junior, or senior status.
- Enrollment in an undergraduate program.
- Full-time enrollment at any Loyola University Chicago campus in 2015 - 2016 and expected full-time enrollment at Loyola University Chicago in 2016 - 2017.
- Have not earned a bachelor’s degree by the beginning of the Fall 2016 semester.
- Have not received a full tuition scholarship from Loyola University Chicago.
- Students with at least 3.0 GPA.

Graduate and professional students, non-degree seeking students, students in the School of Continuing and Professional Studies, and those working on a second bachelor’s degree are not eligible for these scholarships.

How to Apply
1. Complete this application, sign it, and return it with all attachments to the Center for Experiential Learning in person or electronically to amiller11@luc.edu by Friday, March 4, 2016.
2. Submit a completed 2016-2017 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) to the federal processor by May 1, 2016. The FAFSA can be completed online at www.fafsa.ed.gov.

Criteria
Applicants will be selected for the program based on a variety of factors, including:
- Quality of application
- GPA
- Financial need

When Will the Results be Available
Students will receive an e-mail notification of whether or not they have been awarded a scholarship for the 2016 - 2017 academic year after April 13, 2016.

Other University Scholarships
Departmental Scholarships: Many academic departments have separate scholarships for which they select the recipients. Students should contact the office of the Dean or academic department of their major for information about how to be considered for those scholarships.

For further information, please contact:
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Sullivan Center Suite 295 amiller11@luc.edu

Name: __________________________

Last     First     Middle Initial

Student ID Number (do not leave blank) __________________________ Date of Birth __________/____/____

Hometown: __________________________ Graduated from __________________________ High School

Ethnicity (optional) ☐ White (non-Hispanic) ☐ Hispanic ☐ Asian ☐ African Am. ☐ Other

Religious affiliation (optional) __________________________

Your college class standing as of August 2016

☐ Sophomore ☐ Junior ☐ Senior

Activities/Honors: List your college, community activities, and community service activities. The list should include the following three points:

• A description of your duties and/or description of your responsibilities with each activity.
• The length of time you have been involved with each activity.
• The length of time you usually commit to each activity on a weekly basis.

If you are a second semester freshman, only list the activities from your senior year in high school and freshman year at Loyola. If you are a sophomore or junior, only list activities from your time at Loyola.

Essay Questions:

Please answer all three questions below. While there is no length requirement, please make your answers thoughtful and thorough, not exceeding 4 pages. Your responses should be typed and included with your application.

1. Please talk about a social issue of most concern for you. What do you understand to be its root causes and its potential solutions? Why are you passionate about this particular issue?

2. Please share a story about a time when you directly experienced or observed a social injustice. How did you respond? How did the experience impact you?

3. Please tell us how you think participating in the Social Justice Internship Grant Program will benefit your personal, educational, and professional aspirations.

Position Ranking:

Please rank your preferences for the following internship positions in order, where #1 is the most preferred. Position descriptions are available at www.luc.edu/experiential/socialjusticeinternship.

#1 Misericordia – Developmental Training #2 Catholic Charities – Immigration and Naturalization
#2 Misericordia – Ministry Department #3 Catholic Charities – Volunteer Relations
#3 Misericordia – Human Resources #4 Catholic Charities – Madonna House
#4 Misericordia – Personal Effectiveness Program #5 Catholic Charities – Refugee Resettlement Job Development
#5 Misericordia – Fitness & Aquatics Center #6 Catholic Charities – Refugee Resettlement K-12 Education
#6 Misericordia – Recreation & Leisure #7 Other
#7 Misericordia – Social Services

SIGNATURE REQUIRED

It may be necessary to share information about you to persons outside the Center for Experiential Learning if they are involved in selecting recipients of a continuing student scholarship. When this occurs, we must have your signed permission to do so. Please sign the statement below:

“I, ____________________________, approve the release of my scholarship application information, academic record and appropriate financial aid information to University and non-University persons and organizations for the purpose of receiving scholarship assistance”.

Loyola University Chicago admits students without regard to their race, color, sex, or national or ethnic origin.