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JVC Magis Application Packet

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Thank you for your interest in the Loyola University Chicago JVC Magis service program. Please carefully read the requirements and instructions for the application.

Requirements

- 1) Must have completed at least one year in the Jesuit Volunteer Corps, <http://jesuitvolunteers.org/>, in their domestic or international program or at least one year in JVC Northwest, <https://jvcnorthwest.org/>.

★ Participation in any other type of program, while similar to JVC, does not fulfill this requirement.

- 2) The JVC Magis program will facilitate paid opportunities for our members. Please review the list of program partners on our webpage, www.luc.edu/jvcmagis.
- 3) Willingness to live in a small community of other volunteers.
- 4) Commitment of at least 2 years (maximum of 3 years)
- 5) Interest in pursuing one of the following graduate degrees: Divinity, Pastoral Studies, Spirituality, Social Justice, and Social Work. These are the only degrees offered by the JVC Magis program. Dual degrees are not offered through JVC Magis as well as the MSW leadership and development track.
- 6) **Candidates must apply for admission to Loyola University Chicago.**
 - ★ Acceptance into JVC Magis is contingent upon acceptance into Loyola University Chicago.

Instructions

Application Instructions

Most of the information needed by JVC Magis will be obtained from your Loyola University Chicago Graduate School application. Therefore, the LUC graduate application must be completed first, and acceptance into LUC verified when applying to JVC Magis.

However, the JVC Magis office needs one additional item. Email is the preferred method of submission.

1. Essay (see further instructions on the following page)

- **Length:** Not to exceed 4 pages
- **Format:**
 - Double spaced
 - Typed
 - 12pt Font
 - 1 inch Margins

Submission Instructions

Deadline

- Must be received by: February 8th.
- Please email essay to Lee Hubbell, lhubbel@luc.edu.

Interview Anticipation Instructions

Interview Date: March 27th.

Interviews are for selected candidates only.

Please begin to secure the time and resources needed to come to Chicago for an interview.

Face to face interviews are preferable.

- Skype/google hangout/FaceTime/zoom can be set up as an alternative.

Notification of acceptance usually begins within one month after interviews.

Essay

Please write one essay as described below

Essay Requirements

- **Length:** Not to exceed four pages
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Essay: Motivations and Values

Background

What region did you or are you currently serving as a JV?

What is the name of the placement and what was your position while in the JVC?

What degree program are you applying to at Loyola University Chicago?

Motivation

Consider some of the following in structuring your essay.

Discuss your interest in continuing the JVC experience. Describe specific experiences and relationships in your JVC experience that have led you to apply for Magis.

What are your apprehensions? What challenges do you foresee?

Describe an experience in your job placement that deepened or expanded your understanding of social justice.

In what specific ways, both personally and communally, have you demonstrated commitment to the values of sustainable living and spirituality?

Describe an experience or situation that demonstrates what has been most difficult for you about community life, and one that demonstrates what has been most life giving.

In what ways do you see yourself interacting with, and living out, the JVC Magis value of dismantling white supremacy?

Interview Process with JVC Magis

Please see the list of partner agencies on our webpage: www.luc.edu/jvcmagis

This is the process used by the JVC Magis program to conduct interviews and determine acceptance into the JVC Magis program.

Application Review

All applications are reviewed by the program director. Applicants that seem to be a match for the Magis program, and at least one of the partner agencies, are then sent to partner agencies for review. Agencies determine which applicants will move forward with an interview with their agency. If one or more agencies are interested in conducting an interview, you will then be invited to interview with the program.

Interviews

You will be interviewed by an agency representative and by a current or former, JVC Magis participant. In some cases the agency representative and the current participant are the same person. The director will have reviewed your application and will be there on the day of the interviews to meet you and talk with you.

In this way the director gets three perspectives: the perspective of the director, the perspective of an agency and the perspective of a current (or perhaps alumni) participant. This gives the director a well-rounded view of how you match up with the program and placements.

You may be doing several agency interviews. The amount of interviews does not increase/decrease your chances of acceptance.

Applicant selection

After all of the interviews have been completed, the director reviews the data and starts to make offers using the information from the interviews.

At this point the director would not know how many persons per degree program would be accepted. There is no set number. It all comes down to who is the best match for the placement.

Program offers

The director will then contact you to make you an offer to join the program and let you know which agency would like to hire you during your time in Magis.

If you are not interested in the job offered to you then you have to decide if you will join and accept the job offer or perhaps decline the offer.

If you decline the director would then go to the next person that was indicated for the position.

The director does this until all of the openings in Magis have been filled.

Waitlist

If you do not initially receive an offer from the program, you are usually placed on the wait list. If a position should some open the director would then contact those persons on the wait list.

Skype/google handout/zoom/FaceTime Interviews

- If you are unable to come to Chicago for interviews you will need to be available to conduct interviews via Zoom/Skype/google hangout/facetime. You will be interviewed by the program director, a team consisting of graduating participants and generally by several agencies. Interviews typically take place M-F during business hours, 9-5, cst. In some instances you may have as many as 5-6 interviews. Coming to Chicago is the most efficient way to get all of your interviews completed. If at all possible try to come to Chicago when invited for interviews.

Internships/Field Placements

The SOSW and the IPS require all students to complete an internship/field placement. These graduate schools offer a variety of non-paid options in a variety of settings. The JVC Magis program, however, requires its members to complete their internship/field placement at a Catholic Agency. In order to help our members have paid positions that also count toward their internship/field placement requirement, the JVC Magis program facilitates matching participants with paid positions at Catholic agencies. The work done at the partner agency is also considered the internship/field placement. Participants work more hours than are required by the internship/field placement. Participants are considered employees, or independent contractors, for the agencies in which they are employed. In the event that an agency considers you an independent contractor, taxes will not be withheld from your payment. The following year you will receive a 1099 and must file and pay the taxes that were not withheld. Participants considered employees of the agency will have the appropriate taxes withheld and will receive a W2 the following year.

** Payment and benefits are generally the same across agencies, however, they will differ slightly. You can find out more about this during your interview and then again during orientation with your agency. Members generally work 25-29 hours per work at minimum wage.

Social work internships in JVC Magis

Year 1 – the participant enrolls in their Level I internship. The participant conducts general social work activities as part of their apostolate activities and level I internship requirements. Weekly supervision begins in the first year.

Year 2 – the participant does not enroll in an internship at LUC. During the second year the participant continues the work they have been doing during their first year. During year two the participant works with the placement staff to put into place anything needed to meet the Level II clinical requirement in year three.

Year 3 – the participant remains at their placement site but transitions into more clinical work at the site. Weekly supervision, generally offsite, continues this year.

This type of training is approved by the SOSW at LUC. However, this does differ from the experience of most of the SOSW students at LUC.

If you are interested in a social work degree, and the above training is appealing to you, then JVC Magis may just be the program for you.

SOSW students will explore two tracks of study;

1) Clinical

- a. There are many different tracks in the clinical area. The one that fits best with our placement sites is children and families.
- b. Please keep this in mind when deciding which clinical area you want to explore; the requirements of that area must be able to be fulfilled at your missioned site. The program cannot move you to another site to fulfil internship requirements. All requirements must be met at your missioned site. This does possibility narrow down the areas of specialty you may pursue in the clinical track.

2) Leadership and development

- a. Our sites are not structured to fulfil the requirements of this track. If you are interested in this track you can speak with your advisor, at the SOSW, to find out about the specific requirements. You could then explore with your site the possibilities of meeting those requirements. However, the site is not required to revise your internship description to meet the requirements of this area. We have only had one student, in the history of Magis that was able to fulfill the requirements for this track at their missioned site.

Advanced standing status social work students.

If you have an undergrad degree in social work you would enter the MSW program as an advanced standing student. It would only take you two years to complete your master's degree program. Most JVC Magis participants are not in this category. Therefore, our partners have come to expect that when they hire a social work student, from the JVC Magis program, the student will be with them for three years. Many of our partner sites are looking for three-year social work students. The program has accepted and placed advanced standing students in the past. Whether the program can do this is dependent on the partner agencies and the needs/desires of the agencies for that year. If you are in this category, please contact the director prior to applying to determine if this can be a fit for the placement agencies.