

Finding your passion through volunteering

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#### Why Volunteer

Use volunteering to find your passion

Looks good on your resume Leadership & teamwork experience

Pre-med, Pre-PA, Pre-PhD Get to help other people!

### **Different Ways to Volunteer**

- NU works unpaid internships
- Research assistant on campus/in other colleges
- Fundraising/charity events
- Long term charity projects (PEAK awards, Honors awards)
- On campus clubs and organizations
- Volunteering directly with charity organizations

# Volunteer Opportunities for Pre-Med/ Pre-Pa Students

- Typically there is a 100 volunteer hour recommended for medical school applicants
- Focus on volunteer opportunities directly related to medical school
  - ► Hospitals
    - ▶ New England Baptist Hospital (Mission Hill) (617) 754-5173 Volunteer manager
    - Mount Auburn Hospital (Cambridge) (617) 499-5016 Volunteer department
    - Fenway Health (Fenway) <u>development@fenwayhealth.org</u>
    - Brigham and Women's Health (Longwood) <u>bwhvcas@partners.org</u>
    - Dana Faber Cancer Institute (Longwood) volunteerservices@dfci.harvard.edu
  - Charities
    - Boys and Girls Club of Boston <u>https://www.bgcb.org/volunteer/#opportunities</u>
    - Partners for youth with disabilities <u>https://www.pyd.org/get-involved/</u>
    - East Boston Neighborhood Health Center <u>https://www.ebnhc.org/en/about-us/giving/volunteer.html</u>
- Health Equity Perr Education and Service Volunteer Match -<u>https://www.volunteermatch.org/</u>

# Volunteer Opportunities for Pre-PhD Students

- Volunteer as a research assistant
- Volunteer to do bench work
- Reach out to you professors and ask if they would like any help with projects they are carrying out
- Being a TA

#### **Opportunities Available on Campus**

On campus labs

- Community service clubs
- Other clubs with community service opportunities
  - COSSDAC!
  - Art clubs and cultural clubs have charity fundraisers
  - Honors societies
- Programs with community service opportunities (PTP)

### Get the Most Out of Volunteering

- Reflect on what you liked and didn't like
  - Use that to figure out your career path
- Long-term volunteering
  - More time spent = more things to do and learn
- Take on a leadership role
  - Looks good on your resume
  - Build transferable skills
  - Make a bigger impact
- Always keep looking for more opportunities!

# Ways to get involved on Campus

#### **Stem Power**

- STEMPower is a program wherein COSSDAC students engage with local underrepresented high school students through lessons and activities taught directly in the classroom through a partnership with John D. O'Bryant School of Mathematics.
- **Committee Leader** 
  - Create a curriculum based on a general topic for each grade level
  - Work in teams of 2 on the curriculum
  - Develop the overall structure of the class and work o budget allocation
- Mentors
  - carry out instruction with students
  - keep students engaged with course material
- If interested fill out this application



#### Dream

Directing Through, Recreation, Education, Adventure and Mentoring.

- Our mission: To close the opportunity gap for kids in low-income housing
- What we do: Build mentor-mentee relationships between Northeastern students and kids in the Orchard Gardens community. We provide experiences and relationships for both mentors and mentees to learn and grow from.
- Two different sectors Orchard Gardens and Madison Park (around Roxbury)
- Group Programming
  - Park games, Ice Skating/Roller Skating, Escape Rooms, New England Aquarium, Cooking Classes, Halloween Parties, Franklin Park Zoo
- One on one programming
  - ▶ Going to the Esplanade, Making Slime, Movies, Adventures around Boston, Barbequing
- Regional Adventures
  - Trips to Camp DREAM in Vermont



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# Health Disparities Student Collaborative

- A public health and health equity-focused club dedicated to educating others and creating awareness about health disparities through action in the Boston area, the United States, and worldwide.
  - ▶ Have focused on issues such as maternal health and trans\* health disparities.
  - Had speaker events on the Affordable Care Act and Disparities relating to Disability!
  - Partake in food and clothing drives, as well as supporting those in senior living housing
  - Bi-Weekly meetings



