

Social Fabric Initiative Volunteer Job Description

High School Student

(June 20, 2018 - August 24, 2018)

Organizational Summary

As part of the University of San Diego's Kroc School, the Kroc Institute for Peace and Justice (IPJ) works together with peacemakers to develop powerful new approaches to end cycles of violence and advance this learning locally and globally. The Kroc IPJ co-creates learning, builds networks, and mobilizes resources to support peacemakers working on the issues facing their communities around the world and here in San Diego.

Program Summary

Youth today are yearning for more opportunities to engage with each other and their communities in positive ways through leadership, experience, and action. The Kroc Institute for Peace and Justice is launching a new program, the Social Fabric Initiative (SFI), to prepare youth for success while contributing to a more connected, cohesive, peaceful San Diego. We believe that if youth are given the opportunity to work collaboratively in diverse teams and to make positive contributions to their community, then they will gain the skills and relationships necessary for success.

General Responsibilities

High school student volunteers working with the Social Fabric Initiative for Summer 2018 will gain college and career-ready skills and experiences. Volunteers will spend the summer designing, implementing and reflecting on a Community Change Project while collaborating with a diverse team of peers over the course of the summer. Skills and real world experiences include: project and budget management, human centered design, networking, growth and entrepreneurial mindsets, and evaluation.

High school volunteers are expected to work 7-10 hours a week. All volunteers are required to attend the Launch and Summit Events and several skill-building workshops available throughout the spring and summer. With the exception of these mandatory dates, hours worked will be coordinated within the groups themselves.

Mandatory Dates:

- Launch Event: June 20
- Summit Event: August 23



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Qualifications:

- Strong interest in community relations and changemaking.
- Experience and/or strong interest working with youth and peer leadership.
- Passion for learning, leading, and social justice issues.
- Meticulous attention to detail and well-organized.
- Strong interpersonal skills and experience working in an intercultural environment.
- Self-starter with the ability to work independently and in a team.
- Team player with a commitment to seeing a project through to successful conclusion.
- Fluency in Spanish a plus.

Learning Outcomes:

- Develop professional, leadership, and project management skills;
- Exposure to and opportunity to connect with local organizations focused on addressing some of San Diego's most pressing issues;
- Mentorship from working professionals in related fields.

How to Apply:

To apply please send the following to Tina Medina at ksmedina@sandiego.edu. **Deadline for applications is Friday, May 25, 2018 at 5pm PST.**

1. **Statement of Interest: ESSAY or VIDEO** – Essay is 500-word maximum and video is 3-minute maximum. *Choose one of these methods* to demonstrate to us your interest in volunteering with the Social Fabric Initiative. Include the following in your essay or video:
 - a. What you hope to gain from volunteering with SFI for the summer and how the experience will apply to your career and/or educational interests.
 - b. A list of social justice issues that you are passionate about and briefly describe a potential change project idea that you have.
 - c. Relevant experience or skills you have to bring to the table.
2. **One Letter of Reference** – from an employer, teacher or academic supervisor. Written letters of reference should be submitted directly to Tina Medina at ksmedina@sandiego.edu.

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