

GO SOUTH

Thank you for your interest in Go South's summer 2019 fellowship program. Please click [here](#) to be directed to the application form. Detailed descriptions for each of this summer's available fellowship positions are below. If you have any further questions, please email gosouthsummer@gmail.com.

Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis. Those received by midnight on Friday, February 22 will receive preference for interviews, which will be held in the first weeks of March. The application will remain open until Friday, April 5. If offered a position, applicants will have one week to accept the offer.

Important information to note:

- The program dates are June 3-July 28, 2019
- Go South fellows will have the option of being housed in a local homestay, free of charge
- In future years, Go South hopes to be able to fully fund each summer fellow. This summer, we encourage eligible fellows to apply for Yale's Domestic Summer Award, and any other funds available for public service summer opportunities.

Position Descriptions

Deep Center:

Policy Action Committee Research

The Deep Center is working to evolve its focus to foster the growth and thriving of not just young people, but also of Savannah and its institutions. In other words, we are placing the burden of change not just on Savannah's youth, but on the systems that are too often at odds with their well-being.

The first phase of this work is to convene a Policy Action Committee, made up of a diverse and representative group of people, to discuss Savannah's systems and institutions, how they're helping and/or harming young people and their families, and what policy buttons might be pushed to create supports and solutions. The committee will consist of people with both bird's-eye and mouse-eye views, who can draw from firsthand experience and approach the conversation with frankness and courage, without shying away from the hard topics like race, class, and power. Our local stakeholders will, of course, include Deep youth. And we will include national and regional policy experts who will Skype in and bring resources and context from similar efforts around the nation.

In fall of 2019, Deep Center will publish its first policy brief aimed at systems change in Savannah that will guide future advocacy efforts. Deep's Go South fellow will conduct supporting research, research best practices in local policy briefs, and provide formatting options to Deep staff. In addition, they will assist in planning the fall event that will present both the policy brief and other Deep Center work.

Skills You Will Sharpen or Learn: policy research, systems analysis, report writing, committee staffing and management, community engagement

Juliette Gordon Low Birthplace:

Access for All

In fall of 2018, the JGLB embarked on a new initiative, called Access for All, to incorporate disability inclusion as a core value that is woven through every element of our work. Broad project goals are as follows:

- a) Extend GSUSA's long tradition of INCLUSION and disability awareness by leading efforts to become more accessible to girls with disabilities, starting with the "heart home" of Girl Scouts, the Juliette Gordon Low Birthplace.

- b) Promote the EMPOWERMENT of people with disabilities by sparking conversations about contemporary (dis)ability frameworks and advocacy through high-quality public programming.
- c) Advance EQUITY for people with disabilities by offering inclusion training for JGLB staff, Girl Scout troops and their leaders, and other local audiences.

A Go South fellow will build capacity for this exciting work by laying important groundwork to build our knowledge/resources and to begin to foster community relationships. Tasks will include:

- Developing and piloting youth-oriented programming on disability awareness and inclusion in partnership with community organizations such as public libraries in Savannah and Georgia Public Broadcasting;
- reaching out to Girl Scout councils to learn about their own disability-related initiatives (both Council- and girl-led);
- and identifying resources such as disability-related curriculum, museum program materials, and best practices nationwide.

Ideal candidates will have an expressed interest in or experience with disability-related topics; experience facilitating youth education or programming; excellent communications skills, and a commitment to girls' and women's empowerment. The Juliette Gordon Low Birthplace's historic house and offices are ADA accessible. Please describe any needed accommodations in the internship application.

Skills You Will Sharpen or Learn: research, curriculum development, program development, communications, event planning, youth engagement

Lutheran Services of Georgia:

Cultural Orientation and Community Engagement for Refugee Students

Last summer, Lutheran Services launched its first summer program to keep refugee students who work with the Refugee School Impact Grant (RSIG) program during the school year engaged during the summer break. The Go South fellow placed at Lutheran Services will further strengthen the RSIG summer program by researching and implementing cultural orientation activities and community engagement opportunities for the students. A special emphasis will be placed on working with older students who have historically been less engaged in the program. In addition, the Go South fellow will conduct regular community outreach to assist with increasing community awareness of the refugee program and recruiting volunteers for the RSIG program. The fellow will be supervised and supported by the Refugee Services program manager and work primarily alongside the School Liaison, who coordinates

the RSIG program, and have access to resources within the national LIRS network, consisting of over 30 sites across the country.

Skills You Will Sharpen or Learn: community engagement, youth engagement, curriculum design

Park Place Outreach:

Tracking Outcomes:

Park Place currently tracks outputs, such as number of bed nights, counseling hours, or meals served. Funding sources now require agencies to track outcomes, to see how effective these outputs are for the youth we serve. The youth we serve are inherently transient and difficult to track long term. One of Park Place's Go South fellows will develop a system to track outcomes and reach out to former residents to develop data about outcomes. This effort will involve meeting with staff, current and former residents, parents, and other community stakeholders who track youth outcomes in our community, developing a system for staff to track outcomes long-term, and providing written report to the executive director summarizing results.

Skills You Will Sharpen or Learn: data collection and analysis (qualitative), program evaluation, research, youth engagement, report writing

Summer Programming:

We plan a fun and enriching summer program for our residents to expose them to job and educational opportunities in Savannah, as well as fun teen outings. One of Park Place's Go South fellows will research, schedule, and accompany youth on these outings; create input forms for these outings, and provide pre- and post-input from residents and staff to maximize these opportunities. This effort will involve meeting with residents to get input on desired activities and interests, researching outings and events tied to those requests, scheduling outings and communicating with staff and students, preparing youth to understand value of activity, seeking input after the outing, and providing written report to the executive director summarizing results.

Skills You Will Sharpen or Learn: youth engagement, event planning, communications, survey development/evaluation

Savannah/Chatham CASA:

Racial Equity Lens Training

Savannah/Chatham CASA's Go South fellow will create a series of trainings for staff and volunteers to embed a racial equity lens in our work. Trainings would address, among others, the following topics: racial bias, cultural competency, diversity in recruitment. The trainings will

be part of the annual continued education that our volunteers and staff must complete. In addition, CASA's Go South fellow will create a report on the current diversity and cultural competency of staff and volunteers, which will be used for 2020 organizational strategic planning. Lastly, the Go South fellow will identify potential national, regional, and local organizations or individuals that can support CASA as it centers racial equity in its mission.

Skills You Will Sharpen or Learn: research, curriculum development, event planning, report writing

Step Up Savannah:

Chatham Apprentice Program Cash Bail Study

Step Up Savannah's Go South fellow will support its Chatham Apprentice Program (CAP), a workforce training and coaching program that combines employability skills training, behavioral coaching, financial education and job placement assistance for low-income individuals facing multiple barriers to finding gainful employment. In 2019, CAP will host 12 training classes in various parts of the community. Many members of the CAP program face barriers which prevent them from being able to maintain employment.

Some CAP graduates are affected by the cash bail system, which is also tied to other court and municipal fees. Step Up Savannah's Go South fellow will conduct an in-depth study of the cash bail system and how it affects employment. The hope is to find significant data there that would help Step Up Savannah push for legislative changes, as well as raise funds to assist with certain fees and cost associated with these areas of interest.

Skills You Will Sharpen or Learn: extensive research (quantitative & qualitative), report writing, data collection and analysis, policy brief writing