Thanks for your interest in Semester in the City.

One of the great privileges of life is the chance to serve and learn with passionate and committed colleagues working on hard and important challenges. Opportunities like this open doors and change lives. We hope Semester in the City can provide just this type of life-changing opportunity for you.

Semester in the City provides college students with the chance to earn a full semester of academic credit while developing skills as a change-maker and opening doors to future careers. It’s a 15-week residential program in Boston — home to 250,000 college students and to thousands of world-leading social innovators. If you apply and enroll in the program, we provide housing with other students in the program and match you with a great internship like those profiled on the following pages.

You’ll have a supervisor/mentor dedicated to your learning and growth. On Wednesday evenings and Fridays you and an impressive cohort of fellow students will come together to study social change, to reflect on your internships, and to build skills that employers are looking for and that the world needs.

Semester in the City is not for everyone. You will work hard and we will push you to reflect and grow. But if you want to make a difference in the world — or in your community; if you want to develop the skills and experiences needed to ease the pathway from college to career; or if you want to expand your opportunities and have a fun semester in Boston, then Semester in the City could be a great way to accomplish your goals.

We are proud to partner with a growing list of colleges to offer Semester in the City for full academic credit — at a cost to you that is the same or lower than a traditional semester on campus. We hope you will apply or contact us with any questions you have. Finally, we hope that the rest of your journey through college is filled with learning and joy as you prepare for a successful career and a purposeful life.

Warmest regards,

Eric Schwarz
Co-Founder and CEO
INTERNSHIP MATCHING PROCESS

There is a thorough matching process that considers multiple factors. We look at the following things when determining the best organization to pair you with. In addition to existing partners (see back page) we work with dozens of new organizations every semester.

What are you passionate about? What drives you? Let us put you at an organization that aligns with your interests and what you stand for. We take your passions into consideration.

The skills you are looking to build are another thing we take into consideration. Are you good at Excel and want to be great? Let us help you get there!

Another factor is the needs of the organization. We always aim to make meaningful and mutually beneficial matches, and that means taking into account what skills the intern needs to be equipped with before they start.

What type of work do the organizations do? What is their mission? What is the work environment like? We take into account the mission of the organization to place you somewhere that meets your interests.
Are you interested in music, dance, theatre, and other art forms? We have an internship for you! Fellows have had the opportunity to promote, fundraise, create social media content, and have a variety of other responsibilities while interning for organizations that support arts and culture efforts in communities within Boston. Check out our list of partners below to see some of the places where you could intern when participating in Semester in the City.

PAST HOST SITES

- Boston Arts Music and Soul Festival
- Boston Ballet
- Boston Children’s Chorus
- Celebrity Series
- The Theater Offensive
- Transformative Culture Project

“BAMS FEST INVITED ME IN TO TRULY BE MYSELF.”

CHAD, Spring ’18

RESPONSIBILITIES

Chad interned at Boston Arts & Music Soul Fest Inc. (BAMS Fest). He curated social media content across all accounts and increased engagement by networking and spreading word of the free festival in Franklin Park during the summer.
Are you interested in helping build strong communities? We have internships for you! We have placed fellows at a variety of organizations that support economic and community development around the Boston area. Fellows have had the opportunity to work directly with Boston communities by serving as community organizers, trainers, and event managers. Check out our list of partners below to see some of the amazing places where you could intern when participating in Semester in the City.

- City of Boston Department of Innovation and Technology
- Lena Park Community Development Corporation
- Jamaica Plain Neighborhood Development Corporation
- Union Capital Boston
- Chamber of Commerce
- Taylor interned at the Jamaica Plain Neighborhood Development Corporation where she assisted the real estate manager and community organizer. She collected and analyzed data from properties and helped organize and run a community event in JP.

“Through this internship at JPNDC, I have gained many different skills in community organizing, in research and also in cultural competence.”

Taylor, Spring ’17

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Are you interested in education and supporting young people? We have internships for you! We have placed fellows at a variety of organizations that support youth work around the Boston area. Fellows have had the opportunity to work directly with students, create social media content, plan programming for young people and a variety of other responsibilities when working at these organizations. Check out our list of partners below to see some of the amazing places where you could intern when participating in Semester in the City.

PAST HOST SITES

- 826 Boston
- Boys and Girls Clubs
- Citizen Schools
- Freedom House
- One Goal Graduation
- Rafael Hernandez Two-Way Bilingual School

I REALLY VALUED HOW MUCH THIS PROGRAM BELIEVED IN ME AND MY ABILITIES TO GROW AND BECOME A BETTER LEADER WITHIN A SEMESTER.

LINDA, Spring ’17

Responsibilities

Linda interned at Citizen Schools, where she taught two Apprenticeship courses, helped plan and chaperone different college trips, and updated Lucky 8, a database that helps 8th graders as they transition to high school.
Are you interested in environmental issues? We have internships for you! We have placed fellows at a variety of organizations that support environmental advocacy work in a variety of capacities in the Boston area. Fellows have had the opportunity to work in urban farming, educational gardening programming, and a variety of other capacities. Check out our list of partners below to see some of the amazing places where you could intern when participating in Semester in the City.

PAST HOST SITES

- Commonwealth Kitchen
- Freight Farms
- Green City Growers

- Project Bread
- Resonant Energy
- US Green Building Council

RESPONSIBILITIES

Sean interned at Green City Growers, where he developed web content for their marketing department, worked with third graders in educational garden programming, and helped with data management and visualization.

“My experience at Green City Growers and in SITC workshops helped me to give a really compelling interview with real stories to share.”

Sean, Fall ’17

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Are you interested in human rights? We have internships for you! We have placed fellows at a variety of organizations that support human rights work in a variety of capacities in the Boston area. Fellows have had the opportunity to work in prison reform, immigration, and disability awareness. Check out our list of partners below to see some of the amazing places where you could intern when participating in Semester in the City.

PAST HOST SITES

- Anti-Defamation League
- Center for Immigrant Organizing
- Corporate Accountability International
- EPIC
- Mayor’s Office of Immigrant Advancement
- Petey Greene

“SEMESTER IN THE CITY HELPED ME TELL MY STORY AND FIND THE VOICE TO EXPRESS THE VIEWS I AM PASSIONATE ABOUT.

ERIBERTO, Spring ’17

RESPONSIBILITIES

Eriberto interned at Center to Support Immigrant Organizing where he supported and developed MMA & ACEDONE youth leadership skills and also contributed to the visual design of the CSIO logo.
Are you interested in social services? We have internships for you! We have placed fellows at a variety of organizations that support social service work in a variety of capacities in the Boston area. Fellows have had the opportunity to work in housing, poverty prevention, and policy. Check out our list of partners below to see some of the amazing places where you could intern when participating in Semester in the City.

PAST HOST SITES

- ABCD
- Boston Area Health Education Center
- Cradles to Crayons
- Governor’s Office of Constituent Services
- Pine Street Inn

WORKING WITH CRADLES TO CRAYONS HAS TAUGHT ME HOW TO BE CONFIDENT IN PUBLIC SPEAKING. I HAVE REALLY GAINED LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE.

Gabriella, Spring ’17

RESPONSIBILITIES

Gabby interned at Cradles to Crayons, where she worked as a volunteer leader to aid in the production of KidPacks for underprivileged children, as well as completed a series of projects aimed towards creating the best possible volunteer experience.

Cradles to Crayons
PAST HOST ORGANIZATIONS

- 826 Boston
- ABCD
- Anti-Defamation League
- Apprentice Learning
- BAHEC
- BAMS
- Big Sister
- Boston Ballet
- Boston Children’s Chorus
- Boys & Girls Club of Boston
- Boston Public Health Commission
- Celebrity Series
- Center to Support Immigrant Organizing
- Chamber of Commerce
- Citizen Schools
- City of Boston Department of Innovation & Technology
- Codman Academy Charter Public School
- Commonwealth Corporation
- Commonwealth Kitchen
- Corporate Accountability International
- Cradles to Crayons
- Doc Wayne
- Easter Seals
- Edward M. Kennedy Institute
- EPIC
- Family Independence Initiative
- Freedom House
- Freight Farms
- Friends of the Hernandez School
- Friends of Young Achievers Pilot School
- Gaston Institute
- Governor’s Office of Constituent Services
- Green City Growers
- Ground Truth Project
- Hyde Square Task Force
- Jeremiah Project
- JPNDC
- Lena Park Community Development Corporation
- Let’s Get Ready
- Mass Advocates for Children
- Mass COSH
- MassLEAP
- Mayor’s Office of Immigrant Advancement
- One Goal Graduation
- Phillips Brooks House Association
- Petey Greene
- Pine Street Inn
- Playworks
- Project 99
- Project Bread
- Resonant Energy
- Room to Grow
- Schott Foundation for Public Education
- Social Innovation Forum
- St. Stephen’s Youth Programs
- Strategies for Youth
- Strong Women, Strong Girls, Inc.
- The Steppingstone Foundation
- The Theater Offensive
- Transformative Culture Project
- Union Capital Boston
- US Green Building Council
- Veteran Legal Services