

Bates | Harvard Center for Community Partnerships

2023-2024 Community Outreach Fellows

POSITION DESCRIPTIONS

Examples of some of the community leadership positions available are listed below. In addition to volunteer recruitment and coordination, Fellows will participate as volunteers in their programs.

Coordinators for After-School Programming: Support local youth by connecting Bates students to diverse after-school programs. Collaborate with community partners to develop programs that address their needs. This could include programs such as the Boys and Girls Club, the PAL Center, Tree Street Youth, and AK Health and Social Services. These programs take place in the late afternoon.

Coordinators for School-Based Programming: Enhance educational experiences for local youth by connecting Bates students to public school programs such as America Reads/America Counts, Big Brothers Big Sisters, Lewiston Middle School programming, Montello Book Buddies, Playground Pals, and the Lewiston High School tutoring program. These programs take place during the school day.

Coordinators for Programs Involving Aging Populations and People with Disabilities: Help address social isolation and enhance well-being among aging populations and people with disabilities by recruiting and coordinating volunteers for programs like weekly Sunday brunches at Blake Street Towers, and collaborating with staff at local community centers to develop and connect Bates to creative programs. Match buddies between Bates students and adults with developmental disabilities.

Coordinator for Arts Programming: Contribute to the local arts scene by recruiting and coordinating volunteers for art programming such as ArtVan (mobile art therapy) and partnering with L/A Arts to organize Bates student connections to local arts and culture happenings.

Coordinator for Food Security and Nutrition Programming: Make a difference in local food access and security efforts by recruiting and coordinating volunteers to engage with community partners such as the Nutrition Center, New Roots Farm, Good Shepherd Food Bank, and others.

Coordinator for Legal Reform Programming: Help organize students to get engaged in issues such as prison abolition, access for low-income people to legal aid, restorative justice, and reintegration for returning prisoners. Help develop partnerships and programs with organizations such as Maine Inside Out, Maine Youth Justice, College Guild, the Volunteer Lawyers Project, the Maine Prisoner Re-Entry Network, and the Restorative Justice Project of Maine.