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How to Write a Statement of Interest

A statement of interest for a job shadow should succinctly communicate your interest in the opportunity. Your statement should demonstrate that you have read and thoroughly understand what to expect during your job shadow. Ideally, the statement will address (1) your interest in the field/industry/employer, (2) how the shadow will help your career exploration process, and (3) provide a general idea of your travel plan for the job shadow.

In three short paragraphs, please answer the following questions:

1. What about your background, including your academic preparation and career interests, make you a good match for this job shadow?
2. How will this job shadow benefit your career exploration?
3. How will you arrange the logistics of your job shadow? Although the specific date(s) will be arranged in coordination with your job shadow sponsor, it is helpful to think ahead about the details of your experience. Include how you plan to travel to and from the job shadow, approximate cost of travel, overnight accommodations if needed, and when you hope to complete the job shadow.

SAMPLE JOB SHADOW STATEMENT OF INTEREST

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Statement of Interest for job shadow at Boston Public Schools

My study abroad experience in Argentina sparked my interest in education and education policy in the U.S. and on an international level. I am particularly interested in education reform and the role students and educators play in influencing education policy on the state and national level. I have had a variety of experiences working with children through babysitting, church groups, and volunteering at two after-school programs at Bates. After working with small-scale tutoring programs, I am interested in having the opportunity to shadow a teacher and to understand the classroom from an educator's perspective.

Boston Public Schools is of particular interest to me because of the utilization of the inclusion model in classrooms, which was also employed when I was a student in the Massachusetts public schools. It would be a great experience to understand the theory behind this method of teaching and to understand it from the view of the teachers. This job shadow would offer me a unique opportunity to view the differences in teaching methods, as well as see how the schools are working to accommodate each student's needs, especially English language learners.

Because this job shadow is located in Boston, MA and involves two days, my hope would be to visit the school sometime during short term (May 2019). My home town is near Boston so I will not need overnight accommodations. However, since I do not have access to a car, I will explore the public transportation options. Based on my research, the approximate cost of travel will be \$15-\$25.