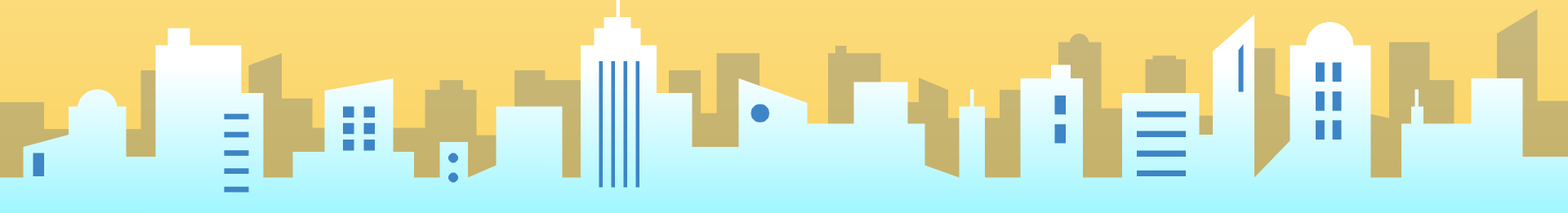


CAPS Fellowship Program



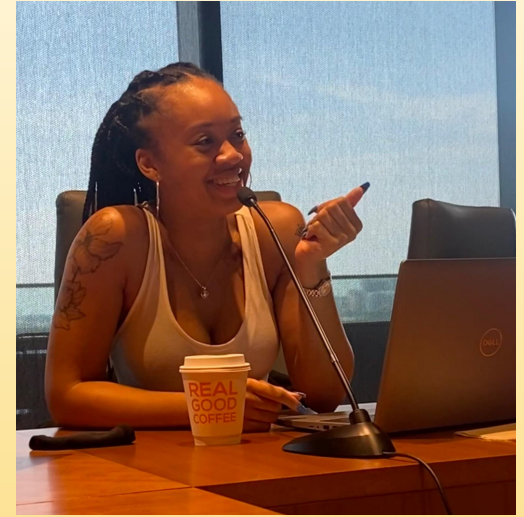
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More Than “Just An Internship”

- ▶ Calling and Purpose in Society (CAPS)
- ▶ 300 hour intensive summer internship
- ▶ Professionally relevant
- ▶ Socially engaged
- ▶ Rooted in reflection
- ▶ Placements both local and across the nation



CAPS Benefits

- ▶ Deeper sense of calling & understanding of self
- ▶ Immersive experience with supportive site supervisor
- ▶ Networking for both now and future
 - ▶ About $\frac{1}{3}$ of the graduating seniors in CAPS received a job offer
- ▶ Community with CAPS cohort
- ▶ \$3000 stipend



Potential Opportunities

- ▶ **Harrison Arts Center** - Community Development through the Arts
 - ▶ Oral History Research
 - ▶ Music Production/Writing
- ▶ **Kheprw** - Empowerment of Young Entrepreneurs of Color
 - ▶ Entrepreneurial Training
 - ▶ Data Access
 - ▶ Food Security
- ▶ **Heartland Alliance** - Refugee Support
 - ▶ Case Work
 - ▶ Youth & Family
 - ▶ English Language & Cultural Adjustment
 - ▶ Mental Health



Potential Opportunities

- ▶ **American Red Cross** - Disaster Relief and Communication

- ▶ Disaster Preparedness
- ▶ Communication & Volunteer Recruitment

- ▶ **Grunewald Guild** - Brings Together Art, Faith, and Community

- ▶ Hospitality & Retreat Spaces
- ▶ Graphic Design & Brand Continuity

- ▶ **Community Renewal Society** - Social Justice in a Variety of

Areas

- ▶ Communications
- ▶ Social Media
- ▶ Fundraising



**American
Red Cross**



CRS

COMMUNITY RENEWAL SOCIETY

KNOWLEDGE ACTION CHANGE

What Does It Take?

- ▶ Current Sophomores, Juniors, & Seniors
- ▶ Open to **all majors**
- ▶ Minimum **3.0** cumulative GPA
- ▶ Desire to grow through service + reflection



Application Process

1. Reference form submitted by a VU faculty or staff member
2. Online Application
 - a. Personal statement
 - b. Resume
3. Official transcript
4. Advisory committee interview



Applications open Nov 14 through Jan 17

Application Timeline

- ▶ Nov 14: Application Opens
- ▶ Jan 17: Application Closes
- ▶ Feb 1: Semi-Finalist Notification
- ▶ Feb 11: Interviews of Semi-Finalists
- ▶ Feb 17: Finalist Notification
- ▶ Mar 20-24: Placement Interviews
- ▶ April 3: Placements Offered



Application + Interview Tips

- ▶ Start early!
 - ▶ Give appropriate time for references + essay writing
- ▶ Utilize career center + writing center
- ▶ Practice giving your personal “elevator pitch”
- ▶ Come prepared with questions
- ▶ Dress professionally



“It afforded me the opportunity to apply the skills learned in the classroom in a real-world setting”

- Philip B.



“CAPS is literally amazing. The amount of opportunities I’ve had because of one summer internship is amazing. Apply even if you’re unsure!”

- Reese F.



Questions?



“My favorite thing about CAPS was being able to work for a meaningful cause with people who were passionate about the work.”

- Sophia P.



“I grew so much as a leader and an individual, the experience really changed my worldview.”

- Isaiah R.

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