YMCA AT VIRGINIA TECH

Welcoming and Belonging Intern

FEDERAL WORKSTUDY ELIGIBLE STUDENTS ONLY

Overview:

Title:	**Community Welcoming and Belonging Intern**
Hours per week:	**10 hours**, on average
Rate of pay:	**$20.00 per hour**
Time period:	2025/26 academic year
Schedule	Flexible; evenings and weekends may be required
Positions:	1 position available
Synopsis:	Provide programs that support Welcoming and Belonging activities for all individuals within the community, helping to bridge divides and offer assistance to those in need.

Job Description

Summary

The Y at VT offers meaningful paid internship positions that provide students with hands-on experience, applying concepts learned through coursework to real-world situations.

Reporting to the YMCA's Director of International Programs, the Community Welcoming and Belonging Intern will foster growth, build skills and provide support for the community. In advancing its principle of social responsibility through the recently opened Community Welcoming Center, the Y supports all walks of life, including newcomers, by offering programs and activities that promote Welcoming and Belonging for all. The position will place significant emphasis on supporting internationals and newcomers as they integrate into society through several pathways, namely literacy; economic wellbeing and employment; community building; health and civic engagement.

Responsibilities:

- Assist in front desk coverage at the Community Welcoming Center to welcome newcomers and their families inquiring about local resources.
- Providing leadership for volunteers.
- Develop familiarity with community resources and updating resource guide.
- Assist in the development of community orientation programs and other service delivery projects.
- Assis with special events planning and delivery.
- Engage key community leaders involved in the Welcoming Network while supporting its work.
- Interact with Steering Committee members as they advance the work of Community Welcoming and Belonging.

Experience and Qualifications:

- An interest in working with diverse populations to help all walks of life feel a sense of connection, Welcoming, and Belonging.
- Ability to complete assignments on time and work within tight deadlines
- Demonstrated commitment to working collaboratively with colleagues and other community organizations
- Comfort with on-line tools and resources
- Attention to detail
- Proficiency with Microsoft Office Professional Suite
- Excellent oral and written communication skills

At the YMCA at Virginia Tech, strengthening community is our cause. Since 1873 we've worked side-by-side with our neighbors, volunteers and partners to build community in the New River Valley through leadership, learning, and service; providing opportunities for individuals and families to learn, grow, and thrive. We strive to build community by:

- Nurturing the potential of children and young adults through academic enrichment, after-school, and leadership development programs
- Improving the health of well-being of individuals and families within the New River Valley through continuing education, food security, and wellness programs
- Leading by example as a socially responsible organization offering community recycling programs, promoting a sustainable food system, providing meaningful volunteer opportunities, and serving as a philanthropic partner for mission advancement.

Join us in creating lasting personal and social change throughout the New River Valley as a member of our staff team. To learn more about the YMCA at Virginia Tech, our programs and services please visit www.vtymca.org.

TO APPLY:
Review of applicants will begin immediately. Please send cover letter and resume to dina.ali@vtymca.org; include "Community Welcoming and Belonging Intern" in subject line. Feel free to call (540) 961-9622 with questions.