CULTURE CORPS INTERNSHIP PROGRAM for U-M Undergraduates

What is Culture Corps?
Culture Corps is an internship placement program that engages and serves all partners: undergrad students interested in the arts, local arts and culture organizations, and the University. It has two components: a 2-credit mini-course, and a paid internship at an arts and culture organization in Southeast Michigan for the Spring and Summer. By the end of the course the students and the organizations pair up on the principle of mutual selection.

Who is eligible?
If you are interested in the arts, then Culture Corps is for you. You do not need to be an arts-related major. In our first cohort we had business majors, pre-med students, and folks studying humanities. Prior internship experience is not required. International students on F1 visas are also eligible (please see the international students section below for details).

What will you get from Culture Corps?
- A guaranteed paid internship placement at a partner organization
- Funding for transportation and other expenses related to being a student intern
- Skills and background needed to be a successful intern
- Fresh insights on the art and culture industry
- Networking opportunities with peer cohort and professionals
- In-class information sessions by staff at partner organizations
- A learning community with like-minded students
- Mentoring support from Culture Corps program lead over the course of the internship

Who are our partner organizations?
- Arab American National Museum
- The Charles Wright Museum, Detroit
- Creative Washtenaw, Ann Arbor
- CultureSource, Detroit
- Detroit Public Theatre
- InsideOut Literary Arts, Detroit
- Living Arts, Detroit
+ additional partners joining this year

What do Culture Corps interns do?
Culture Corps interns do not need to have formal art experience – they have worked on web-development, event planning, marketing and communications, grantmaking, even developing an interactive map! The great thing about Culture Corps is that you get to decide with your organization what you want to do as an intern.
CULTURE CORPS PROGRAM TIMELINE

Sept-Feb

Mini-Course
The 2-credit class (AmCult 377 “Culture Corps Preparation”) starts after winter break, the week of March 6.

Mar-Apr

Internship & Check-ins
Most internships are 15-16 weeks up to 20 hours per week. Hourly pay is $18, and transportation costs are reimbursed. Meet with the cohort of interns throughout, to share your experience and learn from others.

May-Aug

Students Join the Program
Request to join the program and get a course registration override, please reach out to the program lead: Alison Rivett alibyrne@umich.edu

Aug-Sept

Celebration & Reflection Workshop
Gather with the group of student interns and their mentors for a celebratory gathering. Get ideas about how to take what you learned from your experience forward at a capstone workshop.

Learn more from the experiences of Culture Corps interns:
artsinitiative.umich.edu/projects/culture-corps-stories/

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