



Title – Advocacy Development Researcher Volunteer/Intern

Position Summary:

As the professional association for the field of volunteer engagement managers and leaders, ALIVE is responsible for supporting its members and professionals in their advocacy efforts as well as representing its members and the profession in advocating for issues and trends that are important to the field.

ALIVE is seeking to identify the landscape of advocacy as it relates to volunteer engagement and management. This position would assist ALIVE in creating a comprehensive list of agencies and associations already participating in the volunteer advocacy conversation; collate and curate a list of existing resources; and identify relevant issues of advocacy at both micro and macro levels.

ALIVE will work with the individual who fills this position to meet institutional requirements.

Time Commitment: Minimum commitment of 120 hours

Qualifications:

- Strong quantitative and qualitative research skills, with the ability to collect, organize, analyze and report on significant amounts of information
- Ability to communicate with a remote team
- Time management and ability to work independently and remotely
- Ability to receive and incorporate feedback
- Ability to work within Google Suite, especially Google sheets and Google docs

Key Responsibilities:

- Research, compile and create a list of Agencies and Associations currently engaged in advocacy for volunteer management and volunteer engagement
- Research, compile and create a list of existing relevant resources about advocacy, with notation of free or paid access

- Research and report on issues at the micro level which impact organizations and associations
- Research and report on macro issues including political, socio-economic, legislation, and future trends
- Expected to use both quantitative and qualitative research methodology and tools, including, but not limited to, literature searches, surveys, and structured interviews with sector leaders, volunteer engagement professionals, and association members
- Analyze and synthesize data and provide recommendations, summary reports, a matrix for determining policy priorities, and/or an action plan and timeline for implementing ALIVE's advocacy functions

Benefits of Volunteering with Us:

- Play a vital role in extracting and collating valuable information to establish the basis of ALIVE's advocacy work in the United States.
- Gain experience in research about and knowledge of the field of volunteer engagement and advocacy.
- Network with ALIVE members and volunteer engagement professionals.

ALIVE agrees to:

- Work with the individual and their associated institution to develop an appropriate level of project to meet institutional requirements.
- As required, ALIVE will provide supervision, guidance, feedback and evaluation to the intern.

ALIVE (Association of Leaders in Volunteer Engagement) is a national membership organization of leaders and professionals in volunteer engagement. ALIVE serves to enhance and sustain the spirit of volunteering in America by fostering collaboration and networking, promoting professional development, and providing advocacy for leaders in community engagement.

We are:

Professionals in volunteer management and engagement

Advocates for the recognition and appreciation of volunteer management

The resource for and the link to tools, research, and best practices

Educators of decision makers in all volunteer management arenas

Influencers for redefining job descriptions, compensation, and the position of volunteer manager in our organizations

Diverse, inclusive and member driven