MPA JEDI (Justice, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion) Fellow

Description
The University of Montana’s MPA program is partnering with Missoula County to create semester-long local government internships. The intern(s) who fills the JEDI (Justice, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion) Fellow position should expect to deepen their understanding of Missoula County and local government by engaging projects for the city and county. It is essential that applicants to this position have excellent communication skills, demonstrate creativity, and understand the importance of being able to work independently. This position is open to students admitted to the University of Montana’s MPA program in good academic standing that are enrolled in either our in-person or online degree program. The selected intern has the flexibility to work remotely, but deadlines must be met.

Responsibilities
- Support the growth of Missoula County’s JEDI lens and work
- Provide assistance for Missoula County JEDI projects
- Research grant opportunities and assist with grant submissions
- Assist with projects of student interest
- Support inter-organizational JEDI work
  - JEDI work group
- Support intra-organizational and agency JEDI work as required

Requirements
Students applying for this fellowship must have strong communication skills, an interest in local governance, and should be a fully admitted online or in-person UM MPA student in good academic standing. Applicants should also have strong writing skills, a commitment to justice, equity, diversity, and inclusion, the ability to work independently on research projects, and experience Microsoft Office applications.
Must be able to work for the 2021-2022 academic year; work 6-10 hours per week for the fall and/or spring semesters. The direct supervisor for the student intern is Jamar Galbreath, Equity Coordinator-Missoula County
Start date: August 30, 2021

Compensation and Course Credit:
- The JEDI Fellow will be paid on a bi-weekly basis of $15 per hour
- The selected student(s) can opt to receive 3-6 total internship and/or independent study credits to serve as MPA electives towards degree
requirements. This should be discussed with the MPA Director, Dr. Sara Rinfret.

Work Environment
• Schedule may require attending meetings or working outside of normal business hours to meet deadlines.
• The JEDI Fellow may exercise options to work remotely, however they must be in office at least two hours per month if possible.

COVID-19
• As Missoula County continues to develop reopening plans reflective of the COVID-19 pandemic, like other Missoula County employees, The JEDI Fellow is expected to adhere to both University of Montana and Missoula County’s policy regarding COVID-19. Including but not limited to social distancing, masking regulations, and sanitization requirements.

How to apply:
Send a resume and short cover letter to Jamar Galbreath, jgalbreath@missoulacounty.us by June 20, 2021 for consideration. Students selected for the next phase will be contacted to set up an interview.