

Women's Sports Foundation Research & Advocacy VISTA
Paid Fulltime Volunteer Opportunity - 10/26/2020 - 10/24/2021

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Accepting Applications - From 09/18/2020 to 10/05/2020

We are hiring an AmeriCorps VISTA! Help fight inequities and join the movement to use sports as a vehicle for positive change. The Women's Sports Foundation is looking for passionate individuals to help within our Research & Advocacy departments. Benefits include: bi-weekly living allowance, relocation allowance, end-of-service award, health care, child care, non-competitive eligibility, and professional development training. Research shows that sports has the ability to make lasting change in the lives of youth. Make a difference by becoming an AmeriCorps VISTA at Women's Sports Foundation!

The individual should possess a high degree of independence, impeccable written communications skills, solid research experience (college-level work), and demonstrated interest in girls and women in sport. The individual should be a self-starter, able to take direction, create an organizational planner around stated priorities and timelines. The individual should be proactive in their assignments, looking at innovative approaches with expansive thinking. The candidate should have excellent verbal skills and be able to communicate clearly and regularly about progress, challenges and project insights.

Responsibilities would include but not be limited to:

- Research on exemplary curricula focused on girls' adolescent development
- Research on girls' attitudes and behaviors around physical activity and sport
- Research on diversity and inclusion and girls sport
- Research on community-based program best practices
- Research to support the content development within the new GGG curriculum
- Research on interactive technology pathways to engage girls

Assist in growing the footprint and influence of WSF's The Equity Project by:

- Monitor news and trends for items appropriate for inclusion in the weekly newsletter of The Equity Project.
- Assist in planning and execution of virtual convenings of The Equity Project.
- Identify opportunities to promote The Equity Project Pledge to individuals and help to formalize the role and involvement of other organizations in the Project.
- VISTA will assist in standardizing the metrics used to measure success of the initiative.

Assist in the planning and execution of National Girls & Women in Sports Day (NGWSD) by:

- Communicating with community partners to help increase the quantity and quality of grassroots events being planned in celebration of NGWSD.



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- Assist with updating and creating promotional materials to be used in conjunction with the celebration.
- Aid in the planning and execution of the national celebration of NGWSD – led by WSF.
- Contribute new ideas to continuing growing the recognition and engagement of NGWSD in future years.

What is a VISTA

Volunteers in Service to America (VISTA) is a federal grant program under the umbrella of the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) and AmeriCorps. VISTA members serve full-time for one year at a host organization to build the capacity of nonprofits to assist in bringing individuals and communities out of poverty.

VISTAs do NOT provide direct service, but work to mobilize resources to help strengthen capacity at their sponsoring agencies.

Up2Us Sports serves as the intermediary between CNCS and your host site. While you are responsible for supervising your VISTA's day-to-day role, the VISTA member will also be assigned a VISTA Leader from Up2Us Sports. The VISTA Leader and the Up2Us Sports VISTA team will support the VISTA member throughout their service term and provide the following: site visits, monthly reflection activities and professional development sessions, affinity groups, monthly check-ins, and performance evaluations.

At the successful completion of their service term, VISTAs receive either an education award (\$6,095) or an end of service stipend (\$1,800).

VISTAs receive on-the-job training from their supervisor and the Up2Us Sports VISTA team, a modest living allowance, health care benefits, 10 personal days and 10 sick days in addition to organizational holidays, and may be eligible for student loan forbearance or deferment. VISTA members who are relocating more than 50 miles from their home of record to their site, may be eligible for relocation assistance. VISTAs can receive a \$750 Settling-In Allowance and a Relocation Travel Allowance based on the amount of miles traveled.

The VISTA living allowance is set at the poverty level of your organization's county and is distributed by CNCS every other week via direct deposit.

VISTA's living allowance rate.

Daily rate: \$ 59.24

Bi-weekly rate: \$829.36

Yearly rate (daily rate x 365): \$ 21,622.60

VISTAs may have outside part-time employment and may attend school part time if you, Up2Us Sports, and CNCS approves it.