SerVermont Americorps*VISTA member

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**Description**

As our Privilege & Poverty (academic) program continues, we seek a VISTA member to work with the Middlebury College Community Engagement office to weave together co-curricular poverty-related programs in a more cohesive and intentional manner, while also deepening our collaboration with participating community partners. We aim to (a.) engage more Middlebury College students & faculty, (b.) focus on building a more solid infrastructure that will strategically increase our capacity to help meet local needs, deepen the impact of our efforts, identify opportunities for growth and development, and establish a sustainable program, (c.) to provide support, as needed, to participating P&P faculty members. The VISTA member will organize events and activities that will mobilize others in service to low-income families and individuals and work with organizations on projects aimed to help alleviate poverty (e.g., through food access programs, ELL and translation services, financial literacy efforts, and more). The VISTA member will be placed at Middlebury College as part of the SerVermont AmeriCorps*VISTA program. The SerVermont AmeriCorps*VISTA Program is a statewide national service program. SerVermont VISTA members build and strengthen systems in order to increase their sites capacity to provide services that alleviate poverty to those who need them most. Each VISTA makes a year-long, full-time commitment to serve on a specific project at a host site. They live and serve in some of our state’s poorest areas. VISTAs receive a modest living allowance that is linked to the poverty level in their community so that they can better understand those that they serve. They also receive professional development training throughout the year and are well equipped for employment in the nonprofit sector after their year of service. Middlebury College is a premiere, highly selective, global, liberal arts college located in Middlebury, VT. Our natural setting is spectacular—the Green Mountains, Lake Champlain, and nearby Adirondacks. Our diverse students come from all over the world and combine gifted intellect with an eagerness to engage in hands-on learning. Melding theory and practice, while also actively supporting creativity and innovation, are key components of how we will define a 21st century liberal arts education. Despite our idyllic setting, however, rural poverty is a serious issue. Struggling family farms, transportation challenges in remote areas, generational poverty, increasing numbers of diverse English Language Learners, are all issues that need attention. Fortunately, Addison County has an excellent reputation for human and social service agencies that collaborate well together and weave strong webs of support. This fabric is being challenged, however, with repeated State and Federal cutbacks, and increasingly diverse needs. Community Engagement serves as a bridge between the College and surrounding communities, providing targeted support to help meet community-identified needs. These efforts primarily involve service;
Privilege & Poverty is an exciting initiative that links curricular and co-curricular pursuits to deepen students’ understanding of and create opportunities to take action to address these critical issues, locally, nationally, and internationally. Mission: Community Engagement prepares students for lives of meaning and impact through service, scholarship, and citizenship. Our programs work to strengthen communities and contribute to the public good. Through this VISTA grant, we aim to serve families, children, and individuals who are struggling with issues of poverty and to partner with organizations that fight against the effects of poverty.

For more information, visit go.middlebury.edu/ce.

Benefits:
- A modest living allowance: $970 per month
- 10 days of personal leave, 10 days of medical leave
- Childcare subsidies are available for members who qualify.
- Relocation allowance: Up to $550 stipend if member relocates 50 miles or more to serve in addition to up to $1,000 in mileage reimbursement from your home of record.
- End-of-Service Benefits - After successfully completing your service year you can choose to receive either: An education award: $5,775 that can be applied to student loans or future education. This amount is taxed and must be used in 7 years OR a stipend: $1,500 cash, which accrues at $125 per month and is taxed. - For one year after service, members receive non-competitive eligibility for federal jobs meaning they can apply for without competing against the general public (as long as they they meet basic requirements for the job).

Qualifications
- Must be a United States citizen, United States National or Legal Permanent Resident of the United States.
- Must pass a criminal background check by CNCS. CNCS investigates for past sexual offenses and violent crimes. Minor offenses, unless directly relevant to service, will not bar someone from service.
- Must have a bachelor’s degree or three years of related volunteer/job experience.

Automatic Application Packet Generation: Yes

Applications
Send applications to the e-mail address below immediately after each student applies, Accumulate Online (employers will login to their Middlebury MOJO accounts and retrieve applications online at middmojo.com once the deadline has passed)

Default email for resumes: alaux@middlebury.edu

Additional Documents
Cover Letter, Other Documents

Documents Required
Cover Letter

Requested Document Notes
Please provide the names and contact information for two references.

Posting Date
March 8, 2016

Expiration Date
April 29, 2016

Desired Start Date
August 1, 2016

Desired Work Authorization
Employer does not provide sponsorship

Desired Class Level
Senior, Recent Graduate

Approved
Yes

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