



826 Boston STEM Literacy Special Projects Internship

Named one of GOOD magazine's "30 Places We Want to Work," 826 Boston is a vibrant work environment, bustling with staff, interns, students, and volunteers.

The **STEM Literacy Special Projects Interns** will work alongside the **Director of Programs and Community Engagement** to **advance 826 Boston's strategic priority to increase the quality and quantity of STEM-focused writing programming**. Beginning in the 2016-17 school year, in response to a growing demand from school and community partners, 826 Boston began adapting existing programs to support student writing and communications in the Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) fields. 826 Boston believes that writing well is essential in any field, but is currently overlooked and under-resourced in the STEM fields, and therefore writing across the curriculum is a focus in our programs.

This is an opportunity to learn about the day-to-day operations of a non-profit while **making connections, building job skills, advancing your résumé, and acquiring excellent references**. In addition to developing resources already identified as needed by the 826 Boston team, each intern will also have **the opportunity to pitch and actualize a long-term project**, which they will lead with the mentorship of the Director of Programs and Community Engagement.

Applicants must be over the age of 18 but need not be currently enrolled in an academic program. The STEM Literacy Special Projects Internship is an unpaid opportunity, and requires a minimum commitment of a minimum of 8 hours per week for four months. Interns traditionally serve in the fall (September through December), spring (January through April), or summer (May through August). Schedule arrangement is flexible and will be discussed during the application process.

About 826 Boston:

826 Boston is a nonprofit youth writing and publishing organization that empowers traditionally underserved students ages 6-18 to find their voices, tell their stories, and gain communication skills to succeed in school and in life. Our services are structured around the understanding that great leaps in learning can happen with one-on-one attention and that strong writing skills are fundamental to future success.

With this understanding in mind, we provide after-school tutoring, field trips, creative writing workshops, in-school tutoring, help for English Language Learners, and in-depth publishing projects. 826 Boston is part of a national network of youth writing centers, founded by the award-winning author Dave Eggers. Since opening in 2007, 826 Boston has delivered its free youth writing and tutoring programs to more than 22,000 students and has been recognized by *The Boston Globe* as one of the best places in the city to volunteer. 826 Boston student writers have published



their work in *The New York Times*, *The Boston Globe*, and in numerous award-winning 826 Boston books, including *A Place for Me in the World*, which was hailed as a “triumph of middle school education” by *The Boston Globe*. In 2014, the 826 network garnered the American Literacy Prize from the Library of Congress for its pioneering work to eradicate illiteracy in the United States.

826 Boston is an equal opportunity employer committed to being a multicultural organization. Candidates from diverse backgrounds are encouraged to apply. For more information, please visit <http://www.826boston.org>.

Our ideal candidate has:

- Enthusiastic belief in the mission of 826 Boston as evidenced by a passion for writing and working with youth.
- Strong written and verbal communication skills.
- Strong organizational skills and the ability to multitask.
- The ability to take direction, seek counsel when needed, proactively identify needs and opportunities, and propose programmatic innovations.
- Background in the field(s) of Science, Technology, Engineering, and/or Math (STEM) and their intersections with writing preferred.
- Experience teaching or working in urban and/or underserved communities preferred.
- Proficiency in Spanish, Cape Verdean or Haitian Creole preferred, but not required.

What you’ll do:

- Observe a variety of STEM-focused writing programming across 826 Boston’s Writers’ Rooms and Egleston Square Writing and Tutoring Center to gather best practices and areas for growth.
- Research best practices for STEM literacy education at the K-8 and high school levels.
- Develop workshop curriculum focused on STEM-writing instruction in both academic and creative genres that can be implemented through 826 Boston’s Writers’ Rooms and Egleston Square Writing and Tutoring Center.
- Develop resources to support 826 Boston’s pilot Boston Public Schools Science Fair Writing Support programming.

Application Instructions: Please send a résumé, cover letter, and two letters of recommendation to intern@826boston.org with the subject line “**STEM Literacy Special Projects Internship.**”

In lieu of two recommendation letters, references can also submit our [online recommendation form](#). Applications will be reviewed by 826 Boston on a rolling basis.