



Digital Storytelling and Youth Leadership Programming Intern

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.

826 Boston Digital Storytelling and Youth Leadership Programming Intern will join the 826 Boston Writers' Room Director in researching new community partners to collaborate with and assist with launching our first youth writing council to connect students who attend Writers' Room programs housed at six Boston Public Schools. In addition to supporting the 826 Boston Writers' Room program, each intern will also have **the opportunity to pitch and actualize a long-term project**, which they will lead with the mentorship of a staff supervisor.

This is an opportunity to learn about the day-to-day operations of both a nonprofit and a high school, while **building instructional and other job skills, advancing your résumé, and acquiring excellent references.**

Applicants must be over the age of 18 but need not be currently enrolled in an academic program. The Writers' Room Internship is an unpaid opportunity, and requires a commitment of sixteen hours per week for a minimum of four months. Interns traditionally serve in the fall (September through December), spring (January through April), or summer (May through August).

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's youth 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.
- Experience teaching or working in urban and/or underserved communities preferred.
- Proficiency in Spanish, Cape Verdean or Haitian Creole preferred, but not required.

Candidates may also have experience in the following areas:

- Journalism, creative writing, and/or book publishing.
- Ability to use Adobe InDesign, Photoshop, Wordpress, Squarespace, and Illustrator.
- Experience designing and implementing creative writing lesson plans for workshops.

What you'll do:

- Assist with launching 826 Boston's first youth literary advisory board .
- Support with scheduling workshop leaderships to train the student youth writing council on how to launch a podcast, scriptwriting, and storytelling.
- Support with launching 826 Boston's first digital publications.
- Assist with copyediting and proofreading Writers' Room publications including literary magazines, in-class publications, collections, and chapbooks.
- Support the Writers' Room Director with administrative projects included but not limited to researching writing resources for students in grades K-12 and/or new community partners to develop diverse tutor pipelines for the Writers' Room program.
- Tutor students in the Writers' Room periodically and support them on writing assignments upon request.
- Schedule arrangement is negotiable and can be discussed with 826 Boston staff.

Application Instructions: Please submit your résumé, cover letter, and two letters of recommendation to intern@826boston.org, with the subject line "826 Boston Digital Storytelling and Youth Leadership Programming Intern."

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.