

SACRAMENTO STATE JUMPSTART CORPS MEMBERS

POSITION DESCRIPTION

JUMPSTART CORPS MEMBER RESPONSIBILITIES

Jumpstart members make a substantial impact in the life of young children. During the school year, Corps members serve 300 hours, 8-10 hours per week by fulfilling the following responsibilities:

Essential Functions

- **Overall**

Jumpstart Corps members will be able to:

- Verbally communicate with peers, Jumpstart staff, children, children's families and classroom teachers, both in person and over virtual settings.
- Arrange their own transportation to service site in a timely and reliable fashion for any in-person service activities.
- Use technology effectively to access systems and platforms for electronic documents, communications, trainings, and any delivery of virtual service activities.
- Demonstrate effective writing skills in English in order to implement the Jumpstart program. This includes writing reflections and demonstrating how to write words and letters for children.
- Demonstrating effective reading skills in English in order to implement the Jumpstart program. This includes reading lesson plans, children's books, and other materials.

- **In the preschool classroom**

Jumpstart Corps members will be able to:

- Interact with preschool-age children in a classroom or virtual setting - Interaction includes being able to move around the classroom or virtual setting to participate in various activities with the children and families/teachers.
 - Participate in classroom programming; this includes a variety of activities in a consistent routine that includes reading, small and large group activities, and facilitating other learning-based activities.
- Participate fully in each week in additional individual classroom or virtual service, implementing individualized activities with children, families, and/or supporting teacher-led activities.

- **Outside the preschool classroom**

Jumpstart Corps members will be able to:

- Participate fully in 15+ hours of pre-service and 35+ hours of on-going in-service trainings. These hours are included in the overall 300 hours expected of Jumpstart Corps members.
- Participate fully in 1+ hour team planning meetings and service activity preparation 2-5 times per week, which includes planning, reflection, and/or training, for a total of 2-5 hours per week, working with other members in a small group to reflect on and plan for weekly service activities.
- Complete 1-3 hours weekly of individual planning and preparation for Jumpstart service activities. This includes preparing children's books for readings, practicing activity facilitation and flow, gathering/creating activity materials, and assembling family/classroom learning kits and newsletters.

MARGINAL FUNCTIONS

Jumpstart Corps members will be able to:

- Attend periodic service days and events outside of regularly scheduled service, occasionally held on weekends, either in-person or virtually.

We anticipate all Jumpstart activities to be in-person but may be virtual depending on public health requirements.

QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE

- **Dedication to early childhood education**
 - Experience working with young children, and/or a desire to learn more about early childhood education.
 - Strong language and communication skills.
 - Ability to communicate and collaborate with children's families and partner teachers.
 - Willingness to learn about Jumpstart program implementation and planning.
 - Willingness to implement Jumpstart's research-based curriculum with integrity.
- **Commitment to service**
 - Community service experience and/ or a desire to serve in the community.
 - Ability to work with people from diverse backgrounds.
 - Ability to fulfill a yearlong community service commitment.
 - Enthusiastic and positive attitude toward helping others.

- **Professionalism**
 - Ability to work well on a team to collaborate, communicate, and problem solve.
 - Desire to seek opportunities for self and team growth.
 - Willingness to receive and provide feedback to improve quality of one's service in the program.
 - Availability, dependability, and willingness to be flexible in different contexts, such as in training, scheduling, in the classroom or virtual setting with unexpected changes.
 - Professionalism and good judgment in relating to Jumpstart peers, children, partners, and families.

BENEFITS

- If eligible, a \$3,000 Federal Work Study award during term of service.
- AmeriCorps members will be eligible to receive a \$1300 [Segal AmeriCorps Education Award](#) upon completion of their 300 hours service term.
- Extensive training in the field of early childhood education.
- Unique opportunity to join a national network of individuals serving young children.
- Invaluable opportunity to make a difference in the lives of young children.

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