

What Works Cities



Organization: What Works Cities - a Bloomberg Philanthropies Initiative,
Results for America

Role: 2019 Summer Intern

Location: New York, NY

Organization Overview:

Results for America (RFA) is the leading, national nonprofit organization helping policymakers at all levels of government harness the power of evidence and data to solve the world's greatest challenges. Our mission is to make investing in what works the "new normal," so that, one day, all government leaders use rigorous evidence and quality data to inform important policy and funding decisions. We believe that data-driven and evidence-based policy decisions could significantly increase the impact of the over \$1 trillion that governments spend annually to address the needs of the most vulnerable Americans.

Founded in 2012, RFA spent its first three years partnering with policy innovators to build the credibility of evidence-based policymaking, securing early and important wins in education, expanding its work to multiple levels of government and driving awareness and demand through carefully orchestrated education and communication campaigns. During its second phase (2015-2018), RFA worked to demonstrate the power of evidence-based policymaking in ways that resonate with an even broader universe of elected officials and policymakers. Now beginning its third phase of work, RFA intends to demonstrate that governments at all levels can make faster, more lasting progress in accelerating economic mobility for residents when they use evidence and data in decision-making. By creating specific issue-area wins, RFA will further cement support for evidence-based policymaking among all policymakers as the "new normal."

Initiative Overview:

What Works Cities (WWC) is a Bloomberg Philanthropies initiative striving to improve lives by helping local governments use data and evidence effectively to tackle pressing challenges. WWC helps US cities improve how they track and use information to make decisions about everything from economic development to public safety. WWC is also building national momentum and developing resources to assist cities around the country in doing this work. Additionally, learning networks will provide ongoing support to cities on best practices and lessons learned across cities.

In November 2018, Bloomberg Philanthropies, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, and Ballmer Group announced a \$12 million project that will help communities analyze economic mobility in American cities and develop interventions that can increase residents' economic progress. Results for America is proud to be part of this exciting initiative. Through its involvement, Results for America and WWWC partners will work

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with ten American cities to identify barriers to economic mobility and test and share promising approaches to help residents overcome them.

Job Description:

WWC is seeking interns with a commitment to improving local government by advancing data and evidence based practices as part of our growing and diverse team. The ideal intern will have experience with research and data analysis and a demonstrated track record in the social sector and/or public policy.. Most importantly, we're looking for team players that have a tenacious work ethic, a can-do attitude, and a sense of humor.

Responsibilities include but are not limited to:

- Working closely alongside the Results for America team and broader WWC partnership to collect, clean, organize, analyze and disseminate programmatic data about how US city governments are improving their use of data and evidence
- Drafting reports and presentations based on internal and external data about cities
- Researching and tracking best practices as relates to our work
- Using research to make recommendations for program evaluation, data management and reporting
- Providing additional support for special projects as needed

The ideal candidate will possess the following qualifications:

- Undergraduate/Graduate level student with prior internship/work experience
- Preference given to those with excellent writing and research capabilities and/or advanced analytic skills
- Demonstrated track record in the social sector, preferably including experience with local US city government
- Able to combine deep strategy and analytical thinking with tactical creativity and clarity of action
- Excellent time management skills and ability to manage multiple work streams
- Organized and detail-oriented
- Able to work collaboratively and effectively as a member of a multidisciplinary team
- Can-do, self-starter mentality
- Ability to identify and acquire skills and knowledge specific to assigned projects - has the motivation and brain power to “go deep” and become an expert on topics central to projects’ needs and goals

Time Commitment: 40 hours a week, 9-10 week commitment.

Start date & duration: Starting at the end of May for the duration of the summer.

Internships are paid and are based in our Wall Street, New York office.

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To demonstrate your interest in this position, please email a cover letter and resume to internwwc@results4america.org.