**** Education Justice Project

STEM Workshops Position Description

**COVID-19 Update**

We are happy to announce that we plan to offer in-person programming for the 2022-23 academic year!  EJP is implementing the following safety precautions: 

* **Vaccination** –submit proof of vaccination *(required by EJP)*;
* **Temperature checks** – at the front gate of the prison *(required by the prison)*;
* **Masks** – prison requires that each volunteer wears the mask provided at the front gate. We encourage you to double mask by wearing your own mask, brought from home, on top of the one supplied by the prison *(required by both EJP and the prison)*;
* **Social Distancing** – 3-feet social distancing at the prison *(required by EJP).*

Please be aware that in-person programming at the program depends on the status of COVID-19 and the Monkey Pox outbreak. EJP, the University of Illinois, or the Department of Corrections may decide to suspend programming as deemed appropriate for the safety of our members and/or incarcerated individuals. Thanks for your flexibility and understanding!

***The mission of the Education Justice Project is to build a model college-in-prison program that demonstrates the positive impacts of higher education upon incarcerated people, the communities from which they come, the host institution, and society as a whole.***

Thank you for your interest in the Education Justice Project. There are many opportunities to work for worthy projects on campus and in the Champaign-Urbana community.  We are very grateful you have expressed an interest in our program.

The main purpose of our STEM workshop series is to provide EJP students an opportunity to learn topics that will prepare for, complement, or supplement the upper-level coursework EJP students complete during the academic year. We hope that after participating in a STEM workshop, whether it’s held over a single session or multiple sessions, an EJP student will gain further confidence in foundational skills in diverse disciplines within STEM and have a greater appreciation for the subject. Previous workshop topics have included workshops on topics across the fields of algebra, sports sciences, genetics, statistics, special relativity, and fuel cell electrochemistry.

Please complete the electronic application [here](https://hipaa.jotform.com/222327932238153) by **October 3, 2022**. In the application you will be asked to submit a copy of your CV or resume. Soon after receiving and reviewing each application, applicants are invited via email to schedule an online interview via Zoom.

Applicants must have a Bachelor’s degree. We welcome applications from all qualified applicants. However, because EJP aims to create a supportive learning environment for our incarcerated students, we especially encourage applications from individuals whose backgrounds align with those of our students. This includes members of racial minority groups, first-generation degree holders, and individuals from low socioeconomic status backgrounds. Please note that the educational offices are on the second floor of the prison and that there is no elevator.

According to Illinois Department of Corrections (IDOC) policy, if you are formerly incarcerated within Illinois or are actively visiting a friend or family who is incarcerated in IDOC, it is unlikely you will be able to receive IDOC clearance. Unfortunately, this is beyond our control.

If you are selected to offer a workshop, you will need to send a title and 1-2 paragraph workshop description. This information is used to advertise the workshop to EJP students and should be written in accessible language that will generate student interest. **Please contact Katrina Jones and/or Fahren Zackery, if you have any questions about completing this form, EJP STEM Workshops programming, clearance procedures, or to discuss workshop ideas before you submit.**