**Hillel Campus Engagement Interns**

**2018-2019**

**What is CEI?**

The Campus Engagement Initiative (CEI) is an international Hillel program, designed to dramatically enhance a campus’s overall engagement strategy. **CEIs are peer engagers who build relationships and create or expand social networks with previously uninvolved Jewish students.** Interns then connect these individuals to meaningful Jewish experiences and opportunities that already exist on campus and in the community. In addition, CEIs create their own Jewish initiatives to serve populations of Jewish students who are currently under served.

**Why be a CEI??**

This is an amazing opportunity to:

* Help shape the future of Jewish student life at Pitt and pitch current creative changes
* Enhance your existing social networks
* Build professional skills
* Gain networking connections with local professionals
* Engage with your peers on issues YOU care about
* Receive one-on-one mentorship from Hillel staff and peer leaders (former CEIs who serve as Engagement Fellows)
* Be an entrepreneur through crafting and leading your own initiative or program
* Grow Jewishly

Plus, you’ll:

* Earn $700 for the academic year
* Enjoy lots of free coffee (or tea or hot chocolate!) while treating your peers to it too!
* Meet influential community members through Hillel Leadership Dinners held throughout the year (past guests have included the founder & CEO of NuGo Nutrition, Hillel International’s Director of Communications, and Pitt’s Dean of Student Kenyon Bonner)
* Have the opportunity to attend Hillel International’s Engagement Institute, a 4-day summer conference/training where you’ll meet Hillel leaders and staff from all over the country (and even abroad!)

*“CEI enabled me to become more involved in Hillel and ‘in the know’. I loved being the first to know about opportunities and help plan things. It also helped me create better connections with my peers and work on my people skills.”* – Gavi Stein, former Hillel JUC CEI and current Engagement Fellow

**Top Qualities of a Successful CEI**

* Energized by meeting new people
* Willing to put themselves out there to meet new people
* Interested in making connections between other people and the Jewish community
* Notices Jewish students who are disconnected and finds a way to create a real relationship with them
* Confident having Jewish conversations and able to articulate what is meaningful to them about being Jewish

**The Mission of the Hillel Jewish University Center of Pittsburgh**

To enrich the lives of Jewish students so that they may enrich the Jewish people and the world.

As the focal point for Jewish campus life for more than 2,500 Jewish undergraduate students (ages 18-22) in Pittsburgh, the Hillel JUC sponsors a wide variety of opportunities to engage in Jewish campus life that acknowledge that Jewish students have a diversity of identities and interests. Every Jewish student is welcomed and encouraged to participate in the array of programs, communities and immersive experiences that are supported and facilitated by the Hillel JUC.

**CEI Requirements**

CEI responsibilities and expectations include, but are not limited to, the following:

**Relationship Based Engagement and Data Management**

* Build and track relationships with at least **30** previously uninvolved Jewish students, per semester

**Community Building**

* Develop an initiative (series of related events or one mass-participation event). Your initiative can be anything that will allow you to bond with your engagees, connect them to Jewish campus life, connect them with other Jewish students in Pittsburgh, or develop a new community of interest. Past CEI initiatives have included outdoor Havdallahs, Hebrew movie nights, ventures into downtown Pittsburgh, and the formation of Varsity Jews (campus sports club).
* Promote and recruit for Hillel events as needed, including: Shabbat every week, signature experience events, and other events as necessary
* Recruit at least **2** students for the Hillel JUC winter and summer Birthright trips

**Hillel Ambassador**

* Act as a Hillel JUC ambassador focused on promoting and attending Jewish campus life events held through Hillel and in the Hillel JUC building
* Attend a minimum of **2** Hillel Shabbat dinners per month, bringing students that you have built relationships with to connect them to Jewish life on campus.
  + Any student can also choose to host a DIY Shabbat dinner on campus (in your apartment, at a campus location, etc.). Hillel provides the food and supplies you will need and will help prepare you to host a Shabbat dinner.
* Attend a minimum of **6** (non-Shabbat) Hillel events per semester, bringing students that you have built relationships with to connect them to Jewish life on campus.
* Attend a minimum of one Signature Experience event per semester (Hillel Makes a Difference Day, Ignite Summit, etc.)
* Maintain ongoing contact with engagees
* Participation in fundraising, development, and community activities as requested, including attending, and recruiting for, the annual Campus Superstar fundraiser and delivering soup for the Chicken Soup Hotline

**General Expectations**

* Timely response to all emails, text messages and phone calls (within 24 hours)
* Do not use cellphones or laptops during CEI meetings or during coffee dates
* Arrive on time and prepared to all scheduled meetings
* Remain flexible!

**Required Meetings**

* CEI cohort meetings with your supervisor held once per month
* Individual supervision meetings held with your supervisor on an as-needed basis
* CEI small group meetings with your peer mentor (Engagement Fellow) held once per month

**Payment**

You will be paid a total of $700 for the year. Payment will be made as milestone goals are attained. Please be aware that it takes, on average, two weeks after a check request is submitted for the check to arrive.

**How to Apply**

The 2018-2019 CEI application can be found here: https://hilleljuc.org/member-group/community-engagement-interns/

Applications must be submitted by Monday, March 26 at 11:59pm.

**Questions?**

If you have ANY questions, Hillel’s Director of Jewish Student Life Jodi Tandet will be happy to chat. Simply email [JodiT@hilleljuc.org](mailto:JodiT@hilleljuc.org) or call/text 954-270-6250.