

Pre-Collegiate Summer Olympiad Practicum Experience

Pre-Collegiate Development Program

Overview

The Pre-Collegiate Development Program (PCDP) at the University of Colorado Colorado Springs (UCCS) is a system-wide academic program for college-bound high school and middle school students. It is designed to motivate and prepare future first-generation college students in pursuit of their higher educational goals. Each June, UCCS Pre-Collegiate scholars participate in the Summer Academic Institute on campus, where they participate in concurrent enrollment courses and programming to help prepare them for college. At the end of the Summer Academic Institute, rising seniors from each CU campus participate in the annual Summer Olympiad. This practicum experience will work closely with Pre-Collegiate professional staff and graduate student staff to plan curriculum and programming related to the CU Pre-Collegiate system-wide Olympiad event in June 2019.

History and Structure of the Olympiad

Pre-Collegiate outreach programs began in 1987, and there are currently Pre-Collegiate programs on all four CU campuses. The Olympiad began as an event to connect Pre-Collegiate programs across the CU system. The Olympiad brings together hundreds of Pre-Collegiate rising seniors, and is comprised of ten academic-based events, including: a knowledge bowl, extemporaneous speaking, spelling bowl, poetry, science bowl, and an engineering tower building competition.

Description of Practicum Experience and Responsibilities

- Plan and revise Olympiad events
- Coordinate, educate, and support undergraduate student staff in preparation for the event.
- Communicate plans, curriculum, and important event information with CU system-wide partners.
- Engage with volunteer faculty and staff to facilitate events
- Assist with facilities reservations, event space management, and catering orders.
- Support and supervise day-of events on Saturday, June 29, 2019 (if classes permit).

Required Skills or Experiences

- Strong organizational skills.
- Clear communicator with well-developed written and verbal communication skills.
- Able to work well independently or as part of a team.
- Adaptable to change and willing to work in a fast-paced work environment.
- Experience with or openness to speaking to large groups.

Duration

This practicum experience will run from mid-January 2019 through June 30, 2019.

Contact Us

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