



THE UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA

Mel & Enid Zuckerman College of Public Health

Organization Name:

University of Arizona Mel and Enid Zuckerman College of Public Health and Estes Elementary School (Marana, AZ)

Program Name: *GAME!* (Guys After-School Mentorship & Education)

Organization Background:

Conceptualized in 2017 from a partnership between UA MEZCOPH and Estes Elementary School, *GAME!* (Guys After-School Mentorship & Education) was created to address the transitional needs of early-adolescent boys as they approach middle school. Following an existing gender-based program (*Growing Girls*), *GAME!* is a boys' after-school psychosocial intervention where 5th and 6th grade boys learn about growing up male. Program topics include self-esteem, stereotypes, media messages, friendship, bullying, adolescent development & puberty, empathy & respect, self-care, cooperation & teamwork, goals & dreams, personal values, and healthy masculinity. In addition to education, *GAME!* incorporates team-based physical activity and free play at the start and end of the program to facilitate group bonding and mentorship with adult Group Leaders.

GAME! takes place during the school year, with approximately 20 sessions covering the above topics including an annual field trip to the University of Arizona. *GAME!* occasionally merges with its partner program, *Growing Girls*, for co-educational sessions where similar topics are discussed.

Internship Project Title

GAME! Group Leader

Project Description:

We are requesting at least ONE male Group Leader to facilitate the program for the 2019-2020 school year.

Group Leaders will be asked to facilitate provided *GAME!* curriculum over the course of the 2019-2020 school year (September 2019 – May 2020). Group Leaders will be accompanied by a father volunteer to co-facilitate lessons and provide additional mentorship for students. Weekly lessons will take place on Mondays from 2-4 PM at Estes Elementary School. Immediately following each lesson, Group Leaders will meet with the Program Manager to de-brief and prepare for the following lesson.

Prior to on-site work, Group Leaders will be trained in the Nurtured Heart Approach and classroom facilitation techniques. As Group Leaders will be working directly with minors, they will be required to undergo a University background check process, to be compensated by UA.

Graduate-level Group Leaders may be responsible for additional program-related tasks. This could include analyzing pre- and post-surveys, adjusting curriculum/lesson content, or developing evaluation materials.

Internship project keywords:

Health Disparities
Collaborations with Community
Collaborations with University
Community health service
Physical Activity
Access to care
Reproductive/Sexual Health
Evaluation
Program Planning
Other: Program Facilitation + Coordination

When: *When do you want the work done? Check all that apply.*

We will accept applications from students for any upcoming semester.

Where:

Organization Mailing Address: *1295 N Martin Ave, Tucson, AZ 85724*

Address where Student will work (if different from above): *11280 W Grier Rd, Marana, AZ 85658*

Student Characteristics:

Students must take initiative when preparing for and leading lessons. We expect students to be creative, adaptable, and patient as these programs evolve from year to year. Most importantly, students must enjoy working with adolescents and be comfortable with weekly leadership and speaking opportunities!

Level of Expertise Needed:

We are looking for both MPH and undergraduate student interns

Supervision

Supervision will be provided by Lindsay Bingham, MPH (Program Manager) as well as occasional guidance from Velia Nuño, PhD.

Compensation/Benefits

This is an unpaid internship; however, the experience will provide students with an opportunity to form community relationships and skills in health education. Carpooling will be provided to and from the school. Travel will be reimbursed.

Application Contact Information

Please email your CV or resume to lbingham@email.arizona.edu.