What are people saying about the Community Impact Internships Program?

“I know so much more about Baltimore now—not just its geography, but the nonprofit scene and the activist scene, and more about the day to day problems Baltimoreans face. Most importantly I recognize now the importance of hard work by passionate people—they can get so much done, even on a shoestring budget.”

-Sylvie McNamara ’14, History and Africana Studies

Quick Facts about the CIIP:

- In 2011, the inaugural year, 200 students applied for the 25 internship positions.
- In 2011, the CIIP placed undergraduate students in internships throughout Baltimore City, working with over 25 community groups, non-profit organizations and government agencies.
- The CIIP interns worked over 6,000 hours in 2011 to make a positive impact on Baltimore City.
- In 2012 the program will expand to placing 50 undergraduate students in internships throughout Baltimore City.
- The CIIP was made possible by a $1.25 million gift from an anonymous donor.
The Community Impact Internships Program has given me the opportunity to form a relationship with people living in a different community and living through an entirely different experience than my own, a relationship that has taught me more about myself than I ever expected it to."

-Joanna Craig ’12, Behavioral Biology

What is the Community Impact Internships Program?

The Community Impact Internships Program (CIIP) is a competitive paid summer internship program that pairs undergraduate students with community agencies to work on community-identified projects for 30 hours a week for 8 weeks in Baltimore City.

The goal of this program is two-fold; to give JHU undergraduates an opportunity to be directly involved in a community in Baltimore City and to support the important work being done by nonprofits and government agencies. The CIIP is housed within the Center for Social Concern.

What is the Center for Social Concern?

The Center for Social Concern is the student life office dedicated to community service and civic engagement and is under the umbrella of Johns Hopkins University’s Homewood Student Affairs (HSA).

The Center for Social Concern emphasizes the value of being in the community, with the community. Our programs and efforts are striving to create a "better community" in and around the Johns Hopkins campus.

Student Information

- The CIIP is open to all current JHU Freshman through Junior students.
- There is an extensive three-day orientation prior to the internship placement as well as weekly reflection sessions during the program.
- This is a competitive internship program. An application will be available in November at www.jhu.edu/csc and is due on December 31st.
- Students will be paid a stipend of up to $5000.

Community Partner Information

- There is no cost to agencies to participate in the CIIP. All internships are paid for by JHU.
- The CIIP is looking for organizations where an intern can work on a specific community-based program or project for the 8-week internship.
- Preference will be given to those agencies with direct interaction with community members.
- To apply to be a part of the program, please complete an Intern Request Form at www.jhu.edu/csc.

Anita Ram ’12, Public Health, filling safe injection kits on the Baltimore City Needle Exchange van.

“Johns Hopkins is not only at Baltimore or in Baltimore, but, we are truly and proudly of Baltimore... But there is more we can and we must do.”

— President Ronald J. Daniels, Presidential Inaugural Address