



Student – Social Action

Program Summary

Social Action (SA) advocates for social policies and programs that enhance the quality of life for people in our community. The program carries out the agency mission of strengthening families and communities through public education, social action, advocacy and community development and works with partners to build a vibrant community social services sector.

Campaign 2000: End Child and Family Poverty in Canada is a major project of SA. Campaign 2000 is a diverse, cross-Canada network of more than 120 national, provincial and local organizations committed to raising awareness on child and family poverty, proposing practical policy solutions and mobilizing citizen engagement. Partner organizations include groups representing low income people, faith communities, labour unions, women, housing, health and childcare providers, social planning councils, students, teachers and school boards in every province in Canada.

Campaign 2000 does research, publishes an annual Report Card on Child & Family Poverty in Canada and coordinates 8 provincial report cards. We also initiate advocacy, including meetings with government staff and elected officials, and maintain a media presence on child and family poverty issues.

Client Population: Broadly speaking, SA services it's residents of Canada. More specifically, partner organizations (big and small, grassroots, provincial, or national in scope). We also work with individuals, including those with lived experiences of poverty, students and many others.

Position Summary

This is an Advocacy, Research/Indirect Service opportunity. The student will be involved in advocacy and/or research including the areas of child and family poverty and young families. The experience will include working with individuals and groups with lived experiences with poverty.

Core Responsibilities

- Community work – Work with community members to help them prepare to speak to the media. Facilitate presentations on poverty to community training programs.
- Research – Conduct valuable research and assist with drafting our annual report cards on child poverty.



- Administrative work – assist with day to day administrative tasks as necessary.
- Advocacy – attend in-person and by phone meetings with coalition members, Ministers, staff and opposition MPs and MPPs.
- Policy Work – participate in policy analysis and research work to assist in the development of relevant, effective policy measures related to childcare, employment, housing, social assistance, tax delivered benefits and more.
- Media/Marketing/PR – provide input into messaging for press releases, events and other public endeavours.

Qualifications

- Working towards a degree or diploma in social work, public health, public policy or a related field
- Sound research and analytical skills
- Ability to apply a critical anti-oppression framework
- Some knowledge or experience with social justice issues
- Good speaking and writing skills
- Good organizational skills, especially working to deadlines
- At least some understanding and an interest in learning about the 'big picture,' issues and social or government policies
- Skilled at working independently and as part of a team, and
- Other skills as needed.

Other skills that would be considered an asset:

- Some knowledge or exposure to working with media
- Knowledge of using social media for advocacy and public education purposes
- Experience working on social justice issues
- Experience with community organizing or community development
- Experience working directly with residents and communities impacted by poverty
- Experience planning events and logistics
- Experience using a variety of computer programs to create materials for public education purpose
- Fluency in French or another language

FST conducts Criminal Record and Vulnerable Sector Checks for successful applicants for this position.

Time Commitment

September or October (September preferred). Days and hours are flexible, can be mutually arranged and agreed upon, within the business days/hours, Mon. to Fr. 9 to 5, with occasional evening or weekend work.



Location

- 355 Church St

Additional Comments

For more information, including samples of our research, please visit:

www.campaign2000.ca & <http://www.campaign2000.ca/Ontario/index.html>

2018 National Report Card:

<https://campaign2000.ca/report-cards/national/>

Learn more about both the national and Ontario Campaign 2000 at:

National: <https://campaign2000.ca/>

Ontario: <https://ontariocampaign2000.ca/>

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We thank all applicants and will contact the individuals selected for an interview.