



## **Build Oklahoma Fellowship FAQ Sheet**

### **WHAT IS THE BUILD OKLAHOMA FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM?**

Build Oklahoma is a project of Oklahoma's Children, Our Future, seeking to engage with the emerging electorate (specifically the younger demographic) to increase voter participation in local elections. Build Oklahoma is more than just your typical political internship where participants answer phones, staple papers and do grunt work. In return for their service, we reward fellows with an educational and networking experience that will enhance their future professional or public service careers.

### **WHAT WILL WE BE DOING?**

Build Oklahoma fellows will be exposed to professional development in political and social activism, including intensive training on the operation of a modern political campaign through activities such as fundraising, grassroots organizing, and overall strategy. The skills acquired in this program will allow fellows to successfully work on any campaign in the future or booster communication capabilities, team involvement expertise, and connection building if a different route is desired. We are seeking to identify tomorrow's leaders today, and give them a true behind the scenes look at what really goes on in voter outreach and government. Since we are working in a team environment we prefer to have fun. Each meeting will begin with an activity focused specifically on skill enhancement such as gaining political insight from guest speakers, attending events, and campaign training. Fellows will also engage in direct voter outreach through text and phone banking.

### **IS THIS A PAID POSITION?**

It is! Build Oklahoma fellows will receive a stipend of \$750 a month in exchange for 12 hours of work a week. Currently, most fellowship programs are unpaid, so Build Oklahoma is a unique opportunity for skill enhancement, resume building, and making a little extra money.

### **WHAT ARE THE REQUIREMENTS?**

The most important requirement we ask is commitment to the program, both intellectually and in terms of your personal time. Fellows will work from 4-8 on Tuesday and Thursday evenings and

10-2 on Saturdays. The program ends the week before the semester ends. Because the program is in person, we are requiring proof of vaccination for the COVID-19 virus, in addition to the following of CDC Guidelines regarding mask wearing. Additionally, it is important that students understand they are responsible for their own transportation to and from HQ during fellowship program hours.

If these times are not compatible with your schedule, but you are still interested in the program, please still apply! We will continue the program this spring and will be regularly looking for more fellows :)

### **CAN I GET ACADEMIC CREDIT?**

Every college has different requirements for attaining academic credit for programs such as ours, and many have different requirements at the departmental or instructor level. We are willing to tailor the program to meet an individual's needs in order to qualify for credit, but ask students to research the necessary steps on their own initiative

### **HOW DO I APPLY?**

Please apply ASAP by filling out our online application at this link:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScebTW\\_tWSk\\_JHDOH0xt\\_PXRRAGj8uVKOg2\\_jOBA9D2gkF9NA/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScebTW_tWSk_JHDOH0xt_PXRRAGj8uVKOg2_jOBA9D2gkF9NA/viewform?usp=sf_link)

Interviews will be held on a rolling basis and there are a limited number of positions. Interested applicants are strongly advised to apply early. If you have additional questions, go ahead and get the ball rolling by filling out the online application. The application allows you to ask additional questions so staff can follow up with the answers you need. You can also reach us at (405)-606-1821 (my phone number), but please fill out the online application before calling. Email any inquiries to [tori15smith@gmail.com](mailto:tori15smith@gmail.com).