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## Impact Interns: Summer 2021

Organization Information

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Organization Name:	Heart of America	
Address:	1440 G St. NW, Office 7-153, Washington DC 20005	
Website:	www.heartofamerica.org	
Organization Description:	Heart of America (HOA) provides modern resources and transforms spaces into motivating learning environments so students and communities can learn and grow. We are a national 501c3 that has been working with key partners in under-resourced communities to address the educational inequities faced by students today. Over the last 23 years, HOA has distributed 4.1 million books to more than 2 million students across the country in 2,000+ schools and community centers. Through public/private partnerships with both large and small corporations, as well as government entities, the organization has infused more than \$4.5 million in new technologies to some of the highest needs schools and have leveraged thousands of volunteers to transform more than 500 educational spaces.  HOA addresses educational equity through two efforts: Transformation Projects and Resource Distributions. The focus of this internship will be on the Transformation Projects previously undertaken by the organization.	
Intern Supervisor:	Pam Bryden, VP HR and Administration	
(Name, title, email)		

**Position Description** 

Internship Time Period	Summer 2021
(include projected dates):	Internship dates:
Hours Per Week:	20
Number of Weeks:	10
Undergrad/Grad Intern	⊠Graduate
eligibility:	☐Undergraduate
Internship Description and	Over the course of 10 weeks, the chosen intern will measure
Duties:	the impact of the HOA Transformation project on the
	school community. Currently, this information is gathered
	through Impact Surveys, which are sent to project
	recipients to gather data on how the project has benefited
	each site. These surveys are sent at the three-month, one
	year and three-year mark following project completion. Due
	to COVID and other limitations, survey collection has been
	paused since mid-2019. The re-launching of our surveys,



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subsequent data collection, and metrics reporting is a key part of our 2021 strategy. The intern will play a pivotal role in this process and inform the ongoing effective work of HOA.

**Details:** The specific objectives, steps, and deliverables are highlighted below. Based on findings during the internship, some steps may need to be adjusted or omitted. At this time, we anticipate the intern will be more focused on the execution and analyzation of our impact measures, more than on the strategic development behind our measures.

- Review impact assessment goals and objectives; ensure alignment with organizational goals.
- Review impact evaluation process from beginning to end and make process improvement recommendations to support HOA's impact measurement and storytelling goals.
- Recommend changes to impact survey questions to ensure data collected is meaningful, measurable and will help HOA tell its impact story.
- Review and recommend additional standard metrics to be captured.
- Review and improve process for tracking and managing the impact survey process with the goal of increasing quality of data collected and number of survey responses.
- Plan and send impact surveys to alumni project recipients, as applicable to developed strategy, and follow up with sites to support survey completion and return.
- Process new and historic data collected, entering data into Salesforce for reporting and analysis.
- Analyze and recommend tools for data capture and analysis.
- Conduct analysis of completed evaluations for trends and data to support HOA storytelling.
- Utilize geo-mapping technologies, in coordination with our partners, to input and display relevant program metrics to visually understand HOA impact; analyze HOA's



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	historic footprint in conjunction with external metrics, including district spending, household incomes, graduation rates, and/or demographics.
	At the conclusion of the internship, the candidate should produce a summary report that provides an overview of the current impact measurement process, recommendations for future impact measurement, an analysis of our survey response, and an analysis of findings (new and historical), including storytelling trends.
	The intern will work closely with senior staff and will be encouraged to participate in all staff meetings and to get to know HOA staff across teams. Opportunity to participate in transformation project or resource distribution effort may be possible, depending on location and interest of intern.
Description of long-term	The impact management and measurement process is
project the Impact Intern will	essential to HOA's future and growth. By sharing the
lead or substantively contribute	impact of the work HOA does to all stakeholders, we can
to:	continue to gain supporters and help more schools and students.
Qualifications and/or skills	The ideal candidate has:
desired:	excellent organization and project management
	skills
	analytical thinking skills
	experience with data analysis, metrics and
	reporting, data analysis tools (excel or other plus)
	<ul> <li>excellent communication skills in both written and</li> </ul>
	spoken formats
	ability to problem solve "on their feet"
	<ul> <li>humility and a sense of humor.</li> </ul>
This position requires specific	A background check is required.
clearances, background checks, or specific documentation upon	I9 Documents for employment
hiring.	
The following information is	⊠Resume
required from the intern:	⊠Cover Letter
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	Other:
Interviews will be conducted	⊠Zoom
via the following methods:	Google Hangouts
	□WebEx
	⊠Other: Microsoft Teams