

# openGROUNDS

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## **OpenGrounds Student Internships**

Summer 2015; Fall 2015 – Spring 2016

*OpenGrounds is a space, a resource, and an opportunity.*

*OpenGrounds is a **network of collaboration, communication, and innovation.** OpenGrounds connects the University, the Charlottesville community and **global partners** to develop the knowledge, tools, and behaviors that will shape the future.*

**OpenGrounds internships are a paid position, playing a vital role in the cultivation and expansion of the OpenGrounds network among students.**

### **Responsibilities include:**

- *Staffing Open Hours – serve as the primary point of contact for visitors in the space and curate the experience to optimize opportunities for collaboration and serendipitous interaction;*
- *Helping with events in the Corner Studio;*
- *Envisioning and implementing a project based on your skills and interests and the needs and priorities of OpenGrounds; and*
- *Serving as an advocate for OpenGrounds by encouraging others to visit and engage in the opportunities we provide.*
- *Participation in weekly intern team meetings – two meeting times will be offered each week, you must attend one meeting per week.*
- *Other tasks as needed*

Applications are due:

**Friday, May 8**

to Lindsey Hepler

[OpenGrounds@virginia.edu](mailto:OpenGrounds@virginia.edu) or

Hard-copy at the Corner Studio, 1400 University Ave.

**We seek an intern cohort with a wide variety of skills and interests. Particular skills we are looking for include:**

- Videography (recording and editing)
- Blog writing
- Web editing (Knowledge of html, css, and php; DreamWeaver)
- Event planning and coordination

*Interns will be assigned weekly hours during which they are responsible for staffing the Corner Studio. Hours will range from 2 - 8 hours per week, depending upon availability.*

**Application Requirements**

*Please complete the form below and attach an up-to-date resume.*

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Requested amount and timing of assigned Open Hours:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Leadership positions/extracurricular involvements:** \_\_\_\_\_

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## Essay Questions

1. How would you describe OpenGrounds to a fellow student? In your opinion, what is the current understanding and perception of OpenGrounds among students? What should it be?
2. What project do you propose to undertake over the course of this semester? How does this project pair your skills and interests with the needs and priorities of OpenGrounds? What is the timeline/action plan for implementing this project? (*see below for examples of OpenGrounds intern projects*)
3. What will you do to ensure that Open Hours live up to their aspiration of fostering a **culture of serendipitous interaction**? How will you hold yourself accountable to your standards?

**Past Intern Projects have included:**

- Research and development of OpenGrounds “Little Free Library”
- Supporting tasks for OpenGrounds projects and partnerships, such as Diplomacy Lab; Public Day; Challenges; Science and Art initiatives, etc.
- Student outreach to expand awareness of OpenGrounds
- Development and coordination of [Open Table discussions](#)
- Development and coordination of arts programs (concerts, exhibits, etc.) in the Corner Studio
- Event Photography
- Videography
- GroundsNet - a new initiative to record and archive guest speakers around the University
- Blog writing
- Event planning and hosting
- Marketing and communications
- Website editing/maintenance
- Development, coordination, and visualizations of OpenGrounds networks
  - o Entrepreneurship
  - o Makers-spaces
  - o Interactive Collaboration resources