



## **POSITION DESCRIPTION**

**Position Title:** Mid-Atlantic Organizer

**Location:** New York City

**Program:** Campus Program

**Reports To:** Director of J Street U

**Position Available:** August 2012

### **Organization Description**

J Street U is the student arm of J Street, the largest Pro-Israel, Pro-Peace advocacy organization in the United States. The organization gives political voice to American Jews and other supporters of Israel who, informed by their progressive and Jewish values, believe that a two-state solution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict is essential to Israel's survival as the national home of the Jewish people and as a vibrant democracy. J Street's mission is to advocate for urgent American diplomatic leadership to achieve a two-state solution and a broader regional, comprehensive peace and to ensure a broad debate on Israel and the Middle East in national politics and the American Jewish community.

J Street U is committed to creating an alternate approach to Israel advocacy that embraces open dialogue, provides an alternative voice in an often polarized campus conversation, and creates opportunities for constructive solution-based advocacy.

J Street U organizers identify and train student leaders who in turn work to build J Street U's student movement. Student leaders advocate on campus, in their communities and on Capitol Hill for vigorous and sustained US leadership in facilitating a negotiated, two-state resolution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

### **Responsibilities**

The Midwest Organizer will work with the Director to:

- Build the Midwest J Street U Regional Network
- Develop relationships with students, faculty and allies at target schools

- Recruit, identify and develop relationships with student leaders
- Strategize with student leaders to identify the best actions for their own particular campus environments;
- Coordinate and run trainings and strategy sessions for students;
- Coordinate regional campaigns and actions;
- Work with Director of Programs to engage relevant organizational partners and leaders and implement campus programming;
- Administrative and other tasks as necessary

### **Qualifications:**

- At least 2 years of campus or community organizing experience, either as a student or professional;
- Excellent written and oral skills; public speaking abilities;
- Good leadership skills; passion for grassroots organizing and political activism;
- Some knowledge of history and politics as it relates to the Middle East, Israel, and the Arab-Israeli conflict;
- Ability to communicate well with others and be a team player;
- Ability to work independently, multitask and manage multiple time-critical projects;
- Computer proficiency: MS Word and Excel; generic database programs;
- At least a two year commitment to this position;
- A strong understanding of and commitment to J Street U mission

Strong candidates will have:

- Experience campus organizing, ideally within a framework of a national student network;
- Training and leadership development skills;
- Experience strategizing and developing campaigns;
- Some knowledge of the Jewish community and/or Jewish organizations;
- Familiarity with broader progressive causes and movements

### **Contact Information**

Interested candidates should submit a cover letter, resume and three references to [danielmay@jstreetu.org](mailto:danielmay@jstreetu.org)

This position will be available August 2012

### **Salary and Benefits**

Salary will be commensurate with experience. J Street Education Fund provides generous vacation and leave policies and ensures that all have health insurance.