



STERN SUMMER INTERNSHIP - 2012

DESCRIPTION AND GUIDELINES

About Facing History and Ourselves

Since 1976, Facing History and Ourselves has offered in-depth professional development services; curricular resources; and ongoing support to educators and students in the areas of history, social studies, and language arts. The organization is dedicated to helping teachers around the world lead their students in a critical examination of history, with particular focus on genocide and mass violence. Facing History's work is based on the premise that we need to—and can—teach civic responsibility, tolerance, and social action to young people, as a way of fostering moral adulthood.

Facing History is a national, not-for-profit organization based in Brookline, MA with several regional offices throughout the world. For more information, visit www.facinghistory.org.

Pitzer College and Facing History

Through the generosity of Gerald and Linda Stern P'07, Pitzer College has been granted two paid summer internship opportunities available to incoming sophomores, juniors and seniors to assist the noble efforts of Facing History and Ourselves. Pitzer students will work on one or more special projects related to programming and/or development, participate in weekly Facing History courses, and aid with administrative duties as needed. Each intern will have a mentor to work under at Facing History.

Interns work a total of 35 hours per week for 10 weeks. One intern will work at Facing History's headquarters in Brookline, MA and other at the Facing History's Los Angeles office. The program will **begin June 4 and end on August 10**. The selected students will receive a housing, travel and living stipend of \$4,000 awarded in two payments, of which \$2,000 is paid up front. Interns are responsible for securing their own means of housing and travel.

Qualifications

Facing History is looking for candidates with a strong interest in history and education reform. Applicants must possess maturity and initiative, problem-solving ability, strong time-management, and good communication and computer skills. Students must also have:

- Completed at least two semesters at Pitzer College
- Be available to work full-time for the entire length of the 10-week internship
- Never worked for Facing History and Ourselves before

Application Process

Your application consists of four items: **cover letter, resume, essay, and faculty recommendation letter** to be submitted to Career Services by **5:00 pm, Friday, March 9, 2012**. Incomplete applications will not be accepted. Your materials will be forwarded to the Facing History human resources department. A phone interview may take place. Facing History will select the two students who are the best matches for Facing History. These students will be announced in mid April. **Please indicate your preference for which office you would like to intern.**

Essay

The purpose of the essay is to gain insight into your passions and interest in the mission and subjects explored by Facing History. Please answer one of the following essay questions in 250 - 500 words:

- What particular Facing History issue or theme resonates with you personally?
- Revisit one of your college application essays. Do you recognize the author of only a few years ago? What advice would you give him/her? (Please limit this essay to 300 words and attach the essay you reference.)

For information regarding the internship, please contact: **Barbara DeVries, 617-232-1595, barbara_devries@facing.org**