



## **AmeriCorps VIP Program 2019-2020**

### **Service Learning Institute at CSU Monterey Bay**

Nationally, AmeriCorps is known as the domestic Peace Corps and provides a huge array of services to those in need. The AmeriCorps Volunteer Infrastructure Project (VIP) is designed to address the significant challenges faced by California communities due to the recent economic downturn. Through the program, teams of AmeriCorps members will be placed in communities to develop volunteer programs, harnessing the desire to serve to directly impact communities in need. Specifically, these non-profits will focus on providing services to children and their families.

The Service Learning Institute of CSUMB hosts an AmeriCorps VIP (Volunteer Infrastructure Program) that places 12-15 AmeriCorps members with local Monterey County agencies or with the CSUMB's Service Learning or Watershed Institutes.

**Selection of members June-July 2019. Service will begin September 9, 2019 and will run through about July 31, 2020.**

**Candidates for the CSUMB AmeriCorps Positions should submit to potential partners the following:**

- a. Resume and cover letter explaining why you wish to apply to AmeriCorps**
- b. AmeriCorps application from: <https://my.americorps.gov/mp/login.do>**

**Potential** local sites looking for AmeriCorps VIPs include:

- CASA of Monterey County
- United Way of Monterey County—Socorro Bernal  
socorro.bernal@unitedwaymcca.org
- Veteran's Transition Center, Jack Murphy jmurphy@vtcmonterey.org
- Return of the Natives Restoration Education Project Christina McKnew  
[cmcknew@csumb.edu](mailto:cmcknew@csumb.edu)
- Loaves Fishes Computers Linda Segovia Linda@loavesfishescomputers.org
- International School of Monterey Sean Madden smadden@ismonterey.org
- Food Bank for Monterey County, Melissa Kendrick mkendrick@food4hungry.org
- Everyone's Harvest Farmers Markets, Reid Norris reid@everyonesharvest.org
- Service Learning Institute Action Program Leader, Pam Motoike  
[pmotoike@csumb.edu](mailto:pmotoike@csumb.edu)

More about the AmeriCorps VIP Program:

- \* The positions focus on building the capacity of agencies by building and strengthening volunteer programs in community agencies.
- \* AmeriCorps is not a job; it is a paid service experience. AmeriCorps members are not employees of the agency; they are AmeriCorps members serving at a host site.
- \* AmeriCorps is an 11 month service commitment that will begin around September 9, 2019 for the next service year.
- \* Members receive a living allowance, paid twice monthly in equal installments throughout the term of service. (\$16,000 total for year)
- \* AmeriCorps offers an opportunity to gain new skills and experience the tremendous satisfaction that comes from helping others.
- \* All positions are full-time (1700 hours/year). Members are eligible for health insurance and subsidized child-care for the length of their service term. Members also are eligible for EBT (Food Stamp) cards.
- \* Upon successful completion of AmeriCorps service, members become eligible for an education award that can be used to pay for college and some work training programs or repay outstanding student loans. The education award for full time members is about \$10,000.00



Interested in becoming a member? Contact:

Laura Lee Lienk [llienk@csumb.edu](mailto:llienk@csumb.edu) or better still the agency partners with whom you might like to work (see list above)