Possibilities for Pre-Admission Volunteer Experiences

Please note that, in addition to looking into these opportunities, you may consult the websites of Pittsburgh Cares, United Way and Volunteer Match or talk to someone in Pitt’s Office of Student Volunteer Outreach.

**Pittsburgh Cares:**
http://www.pittsburghcares.org/

**United Way:**
http://www.unitedwaypittsburgh.org/

**Volunteer Match:**
http://www.volunteermatch.org/

**Office of Student Volunteer Outreach:**
Suite 923 William Pitt Union
412-624-1065 svo@pitt.edu
http://www.svo.pitt.edu/index.html

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**Be a 6th Grade Mentor**
1250 Penn Ave, P.O. Box 735, Pittsburgh, PA 15230-0735

Opportunities include:
- Volunteers in The Be a 6th Grade Mentor project provide mentoring services to sixth grade students in Pittsburgh Public Schools. Mentors are assigned to a United Way partner/mentoring agency and a specific school. Mentors are screened by the assigned mentoring agency and the assigned school. Supervision is provided by the assigned mentoring agency.

Contact: Cindy Bostick (412-266-0798) cbostick@cispac.org
Website: http://www.bea6thgradementor.org/#home

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**Big Brothers Big Sisters**
5989 Penn Circle South, Pittsburgh, PA 15206-3828

Opportunities include:
- In the Site-based Program: volunteers offer children individualized time and attention on a consistent basis, with the venue being the child’s school rather than the community. Teachers identify those children who can most benefit from an extra caring adult in their lives. Volunteers and children meet regularly during the school year – each week for about an hour – utilizing the resources available within the school: computer labs, the library, the gym, a classroom, or the schoolyard.
- In the Community-based Program, BBBS volunteers provide children and youth – our “Littles” - individualized time and attention on a regular basis, typically two to four times a month, for three to five hours. During unstructured weekly or bi-weekly outings, filled with conversations and shared activities, they develop a relationship that helps youth manage the everyday challenges that are part of “growing up.” During the time with their Big, children gain new skills, explore new interests and test behaviors that expand their experience base beyond their family or neighborhood.

Contact: Lauren Etling (412)-204-1224 lelington@bbbspgh.org
Website: http://www.bbbspittsburgh.org/viewcontent.asp?sectionID=2&subsectionID=346513
Children’s Institute
1405 Shady Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15217

Opportunities Include:

- Providing assistance in instructional and recreational programs, either during the day or in the evening in the swimming pool areas.
- Spending time with young patients, providing companionship or assisting with therapy programs in various units of The Hospital.
- Acting as a classroom aid, fulfilling a variety of needs in The Day School.
- Assisting in the pediatric physical, occupational or speech therapy departments. This is a great opportunity for college students studying special education. Volunteers may help with everything from programming computers to working hands on with the children.

Contact: Gina Scampone (412) 420-2228
Website: http://www.amazingkids.org/content.aspx?SectionId=6&SubSectionId=38

Communities in Schools: After School Program
6435 Frankstown Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15206

Opportunities include:
- Programs operate after school from Monday through Thursday. Volunteers are needed to provide homework help and help with recreational activities.

Contact: Jean Olivis (412)-606-2683 jolivis@cisoac.org
Website: http://www.cispac.org/volunteer/

Communities in Schools: CIS Academies
6435 Frankstown Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15206

Opportunities include:
- CIS South school hours are from 8:30 a.m. until 6:30 p.m. We are specifically looking for volunteers to assist students with reading and math.
- CIS East End school hours are from 10:00 – 6:30 p.m. and we are looking for volunteers to tutor or mentor.

Contact:
- CIS South: Wendi Etzel (412)-326-0044 wetzel@cispac.org
- CIS East End: Jesse Sprajcar (412)-361-4945 jsprajcar@cispac.org

Website: http://www.cispac.org/volunteer/
**CMU- Physics Concept Program**

Opportunities include:

- In response to the lack of African American students entering science fairs, this program serves Pgh public school middle school students that come to CMU to work with Undergrads on science projects. In 2011-2012, twenty-nine 7th and 8th grade students from Colfax ALA have completed science projects and registered to present their projects at the PJAS science fair on Feb 4, 2012.

Contact: Leonard Kisslinger (412)-268-2768


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**Higher Achievement**

1608 Graham Boulevard, Pittsburgh, PA 15235

Opportunities Include:

- Working with a small group of two or three middle school students, teach a subject of their choice -- math, literature, or a seminar course (often science and technology themes) to the same group of scholars one evening per week, the curriculum is written and provided by Higher Achievement.

Contact: Madison Bannon (412) 377-2168

Website: [http://www.higherachievement.org](http://www.higherachievement.org)

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**The Pittsburgh Project: Volunteer Tutors**

2801 North Charles Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15214

Opportunities include:

- During our afterschool programs, our volunteer tutors assist one or two students to complete their daily assigned homework. Tutors may also help students work on supplemental materials to strengthen basic skills in math, reading and spelling. Tutors serve for one or two hours a day, one day a week, for a semester. They typically work one-on-one with young people. They serve in classrooms of 10-15 students, led by teachers on our staff.

Contact: Kim Carter (412)-321-1678 x144

Website: [http://www.pittsburghproject.org/Tutoring.php](http://www.pittsburghproject.org/Tutoring.php)

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**Upward Bound**

Opportunities include:

- Upward Bound is recruiting University of Pittsburgh students who are at least in their sophomore year to tutor area high school students during the academic school year. If you are looking for an exciting and rewarding position, consider being an Upward Bound tutor. Tutors choose from a variety of subjects, including English, Science, Foreign Language, and SAT preparation, as well as many other courses. Upward Bound offers a flexible tutoring schedule with afternoon and evening hours that should fit most schedules.

Contact: (412)-648-1957

Website: [http://www.asundergrad.pitt.edu/offices/arc/upward-bound.html](http://www.asundergrad.pitt.edu/offices/arc/upward-bound.html)
**YMCA: Sunnyside After-school**
311 Bellefield Hall, Pittsburgh, PA 15260

Opportunities include:
- Mentor, help with homework and play games/sports with elementary kids ages 5-11. Assist in planning activities and group initiatives. College students of all majors are welcome to mentor anytime Monday through Friday from 2:30 pm - 5:45 pm at Sunnyside Elementary.

Contact: Tendai Matambanadzo  (412) 648-7960 tmatamba@pitt.edu

Website: [http://www.pitt.edu/~ymca/](http://www.pitt.edu/~ymca/)

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**YMCA: Y-Force**
311 Bellefield Hall, Pittsburgh, PA 15260

Opportunities include:
- Help high school students build basic skills in reading and mathematics; improving PSSA scores. Help complete senior projects and class work, while relating this work back to the student’s career goals. Tutoring sessions are held weekly at high schools, Tuesday through Friday during lunch periods or after school. College students of all majors are welcome to tutor.

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**YMCA: Y-Start**
311 Bellefield Hall, Pittsburgh, PA 15260

Opportunities include:
- Connect with at-risk 8th graders and serve as a positive role model. Share experiences as a successful college student and help kids explore their potential through various activities. Teach leadership, decision-making and planning skills, teamwork and the value of serving others. College students of all majors are welcome to mentor every Monday and Wednesday, after school at Faison Intermediate Middle School.

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