

Bridging Borders AmeriCorps Program

What is the Bridging Borders AmeriCorps Program?

Bridging Borders involves 77 SJSU students and community members in service to immigrant communities in San José. The mission of the SJSU AmeriCorps Bridging Borders Project is to support the educational needs of low-income, limited English speaking K-8 students through literacy tutoring support. Additionally, AmeriCorps members recruit, train, and manage community volunteers to help meet the needs of additional students and clients. In teams, Members are placed at local public schools and community based organizations to serve in the following capacities:

1. **Site Leaders:** Site Leader members coordinate service-learning students at community based service-learning placement sites. They are responsible for recruiting and supporting 300+ service-learning students from SJSU and 500+ volunteers from campus and community to assist with tutoring, homework help, fitness activities, health education, and parent education. Additionally, Site Leader members provide direct service in the areas of K-8 language arts tutoring and youth fitness.
 - 900 hour service term (720 service hours, 180 training hours)
 - \$6,035 living allowance
 - \$2,362.50 education award
2. **Community-based Tutors:** The primary service activity of Community-based Tutor members will be tutoring and teaching in high priority schools and after school programs serving those schools. Particular attention will be given to language arts skills of English Learners.
 - 450 hour service term (360 service hours, 90 training hours)
 - \$3,018 living allowance
 - \$1,250 education award

All AmeriCorps Members Give

- A serious commitment to participate in the program for a total of 450 or 900 hours (about 10 months)
- Active participation in bi-weekly seminar trainings and three national service days
- Enthusiasm, experience and dedication
- Willingness to work as a member of a team

All AmeriCorps Members Receive

- Service training and leadership development
- An opportunity to work with experienced professionals in the field of education/non-profit
- Community Emergency Response Training (CERT)
- An AmeriCorps education award (\$1,250 for following 450 hours service)
- A modest monthly living allowance (totaling \$3,018 for 450 hours)
- A meaningful, challenging and rewarding experience!

*Minimum Requirements: High School Diploma or equivalent; Minimum G.P.A. 2.5;
U.S. Citizen or legal permanent resident.*



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