Leadership Team Overview

Thank you for your interest in serving on a Leadership Team with the Gephardt Institute!

Leadership Teams (LTs) are comprised of committed student volunteers who are dedicated to a specific initiative sponsored by the Gephardt Institute. LTs offer essential leadership to ensure success and advance the mission of the following four programs:

• Blood Drives
• Each One Teach One
• K-12 Connections (K-12 Ambassadors)
• Leadership Through Service (separate application process open only to LTS alumni)

The LT experience offers students the opportunity to build on their leadership skills and make substantive contributions to the campus community, which in turn create positive impact in the St. Louis community. LTs function in a dynamic team environment, working closely with interns and professional staff in the Gephardt Institute.

Whether you have a specific LT in mind or are open to multiple opportunities, please read this application packet closely and stop into the Gephardt Institute if you have any questions. We’re in DUC 150, by the fireplace!

Expectations of Students Serving on Leadership Teams

• Undergraduate status during the 2017-2018 academic year
• 3.0 minimum GPA
• Strong interpersonal, communication, and organization skills
• Commitment to team approach
• Flexibility, initiative, and sense of humor
• Interest in community service
• Commitment of two academic semesters (fall 2017 & spring 2018). Exceptions can be discussed with students studying abroad or with other unique circumstances.
• Commitment to model professionalism and ethical leadership in and outside the office through adherence with Washington University policies & procedures, community expectations and values, and office expectations.
• Willingness and ability to participate in LT training, meetings, events, and commitments, which likely include evenings and weekends
Overview:
Since 2007, the Community Service Office (and now, the Gephardt Institute) has coordinated a unique blood drive model in collaboration with American Red Cross and Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center. Four times a year, a University-wide blood drive is held, featuring 8-12 donor locations and collecting 300-500 units of blood in a single day. The ability to sustain this massive effort stems primarily from the efforts of the Blood Drive Leadership Team (BDLT), students who provide essential support to blood drives through three main areas: marketing and outreach, event leadership, and planning & evaluation.

BDLT members work closely with the student Blood Drive Team Leaders and Blood Drive Coordinator, professional staff in the Gephardt Institute, and representatives from the two blood banks, in order to connect the blood drive vision with the campus community. This is a unique opportunity to gain leadership experience, participate on a team of motivated, passionate individuals, and strengthen Washington University’s contribution to the blood supply in the St. Louis region.

Responsibilities:
• Innovate and expand outreach to student populations through specialized messages and events
• Participate in marketing initiatives, including: hanging posters across campus, wearing the “blood drop suit” in high traffic areas, painting the underpass, staffing information tables, and speaking at student group meetings.
• Serve as central staff for each blood drive event, which includes assisting with set-up and clean-up, delivering supplies, troubleshooting, and filling in where needed.
• Participate in developing a planning timeline and operational plan, and in the evaluation process.
• Develop and implement new initiatives to increase donor and volunteer morale and campus enthusiasm for the blood drive initiative.

Time Commitment:
• Retreat in fall (training, planning, and teambuilding)
• 1 hour per week on average & 5 hours the two weeks immediately before the Drive.
• Full-day commitment on blood drive days, outside of classes (approximately 7am-11pm)

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