



Position Title: J Street U Campus Organizer

Location: TBD

Reports To: Director of J Street U

Position Available: Summer 2017

APPLICATION DEADLINE: June 30, 2017

Organization Description

J Street U is the student-organizing arm of J Street, the political home for pro-Israel, pro-peace Americans. J Street gives political voice to Americans who believe that a two-state solution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict is essential to both Israel's future as a democratic state and Jewish homeland, as well as ending the occupation and securing a future state of Palestine. J Street's mission is to advocate for urgent American diplomatic leadership to achieve a two-state solution and to ensure a broad and substantive discussion around Israel in American national politics and the American Jewish community.

J Street U is committed to empowering students across the country to put their values into action around Israel and the future state of Palestine through advocacy on campus and with the Jewish community. Over 60 campuses across the country host J Street U chapters dedicated to changing the conversation around the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, engaging in challenging educational work, and working to build a student movement capable of having a local and national impact in both communal and political spheres.

J Street U organizers identify and train student leaders who in turn work to build J Street U's student movement. Student leaders advocate on campus, in their communities and on Capitol Hill for vigorous and sustained US leadership in facilitating a negotiated, two-state resolution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

Responsibilities

The Campus Organizer is responsible for building a vibrant, engaging, and impactful region of campus leaders and J Street U chapters. The Campus Organizer works to identify and cultivate the most talented student leaders to come together and build campus chapters for vigorous and critical conversations around this issue, as well as enabling students to act together across campuses in their work with elected officials and Jewish communal leaders. The Campus Organizer will work with the J Street U team and the Director to:

- Recruit, identify and develop strong relationships with talented student leaders
- Build campus chapters and develop student leaders in the region

- Strategize with student leaders to identify the best actions for their particular campus environments and for the region
- Develop regional and national capacity to move important campaigns and initiatives around Israel and the future state of Palestine
- Coordinate and run trainings and strategy sessions for students on political organizing
- Develop and execute regional campaigns and actions with student leaders
- Work with the rest of the J Street U staff to plan national strategy and events
- Administrative and other tasks as necessary

Qualifications:

- Relational skills: a deep curiosity about others, a desire to develop strong relationships with a diversity of people, appreciation of meeting and engaging new people on a regular basis
- 2 years or more of campus, political, or community organizing experience, either as a student or professional (preferred)
- Strategic thinker: the ability to identify and pursue opportunities within moments of tension and/or challenge
- Relentless “go-getter” with a desire to work in an intensive, fast-paced political organization
- Ability to work well in moments of challenge and tension
- Excellent written and oral skills; public speaking abilities
- Good leadership skills; passion for grassroots organizing and political activism
- Some knowledge of history and politics as it relates to the Middle East, Israel, and the Arab-Israeli conflict
- Ability to be a team player, be relentless in professional self-improvement, and multitask/manage multiple time-critical projects
- At least a two year commitment to this position
- A strong understanding of and commitment to J Street U’s mission

Strong candidates will have:

- Experience in campus/political/community organizing
- Deep curiosity and excellent relational skills
- An eye for spotting talent and opportunities
- Deep discontent with the status quo around this issue
- Training and leadership development skills
- Positive, fun, and engaged outlook
- An ability to take the work seriously and simultaneously have a strong sense of humor
- Deep commitment to the mission and work of J Street and J Street U
- Experience strategizing and developing campaigns
- Openness to very frequent travel to campuses across the region
- Willingness to work on a schedule conducive to students, including some nights and weekends

Salary and Benefits

Salary for this full-time position will be commensurate with qualifications and experience. Benefits include paid vacation and sick leave, paid time off on many federal and Jewish holidays, health and dental insurance, company-paid life insurance, a 401k program, and a flexible spending account.

To Apply for the Position

Interested candidates should submit, via email, a cover letter, resume and three references to Ben Elkind, Director of J Street U, at benelkind@jstreetu.org and indicate "Campus Organizer" in the subject line. Please indicate which cities you would like to be considered for in your application. Due to the high volume of applications, only candidates receiving an interview will receive a follow-up message.

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