



Position Title: Midwest Campus Organizer
Reports to: J Street U Director
Start Date: Summer 2018
Location: Chicago

Position

J Street U is looking to bring on board a Campus Organizer for its Chicago-based “Midwest” region.

First and foremost, we are looking for an individual who has significant interest and at least some experience in organizing. For the J Street U team, we have a strong culture of developing organizers – both in our students and in our professional staff – and are looking for individuals who want to further their growth as an organizer.

In J Street U, Campus Organizers are responsible for growing their region – as through finding and developing talented student leaders, and building and expanding our number of chapters; owning the regional execution of our national campaign – as through working with student leaders to pursue on-campus (and some off-campus) tactics; and contributing to a strong, developmental team culture – as through investing in their relationships with other members of the J Street U team.

The ideal candidate will have qualities that lend themselves to success in each of those areas – i.e. strong instincts for finding and developing talented student leaders; creativity in imagining and pursuing effective tactics on and off campus; and an interest in building relationships and learning from their fellow organizers.

Key Duties and 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.

- Develop regional and national capacity to advance our “Stop Demolitions, Build Peace” campaign to fight demolitions in the West Bank
- Coordinate and run trainings and strategy sessions for students on political organizing
- Work with the rest of the J Street U staff to plan national strategy and events
- Execute administrative and other tasks as necessary

Required Skills and Characteristics

- 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 and J Street U’s mission

More about J Street

J Street is the political home for pro-Israel, pro-peace Americans working for the future of Israel as the democratic homeland of the Jewish people. The organization believes that preserving Israel’s Jewish and democratic character depends on achieving a two-state solution, resulting in a Palestinian state living alongside Israel in peace and security.

Launched in 2008 with four staff and a limited budget, J Street is now a \$9 million organization with a national staff of more than 60. The organization is headquartered in Washington, DC, employing staff in 8 cities including Boston, Chicago, Los Angeles, New York, San Francisco, Denver and Tel Aviv.

J Street focuses its work in three main areas: (1) Advocating and demonstrating support for pro-Israel, pro-peace policies in Congress, the media and the Jewish community; (2) Endorsing and raising money for federal candidates who share J

Street's agenda; and (3) Educating the public and raising awareness of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict and the two-state solution.

Compensation and Hours

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 resumes@jstreet.org and indicate "Midwest 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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