The Dartmouth College Office of Institutional Diversity and Equity is recruiting a Community Engagement AmeriCorps VISTA for 2018-2019!

Overview
Dartmouth's Office of Institutional Diversity & Equity (IDE) provides resources across the institution to promote access, respect, inclusiveness, and community in all of Dartmouth's working and learning environments. Dartmouth College is located in the Upper Valley region of New Hampshire and Vermont, a collection of several small towns and cities along the Connecticut River Valley. The two prominent counties that IDE interacts with are Grafton County, NH and Windsor County, VT. In 2010, the population of the entire region was 78,152. While there are pockets of wealth in the region (including Hanover, where Dartmouth College is located), the region faces significant variations in healthcare access, job access and stability, and overall well-being largely tied to income disparity. Dartmouth College is the second largest employer in the area and we feel that it is our responsibility to support the Dartmouth communities that face the challenges of poverty.

AmeriCorps VISTA is a national service program that allows citizens to serve full-time for one year to build the capacity of non-profit organizations and programs that fight poverty. VISTA stands for “Volunteers in Service to America” and is administered by the Corporation for National and Community Service.

Why should I apply to be the IDE Community Engagement AmeriCorps VISTA?
Because you are passionate about the VISTA mission of fighting poverty and are interested in diversity and inclusion and growing your skillset in those areas. Because you enjoy relationship-building, want to help affect change in the Upper Valley region of NH and VT, and are excited to devote a year of full-time service as a VISTA member.

What will I do in my position as a VISTA?
The Community Engagement VISTA will help ensure that the Dartmouth community that faces challenges due to poverty will receive access to basic resources and services. In addition, they will raise awareness of Upper Valley poverty and help mobilize community members. The VISTA will assist in the development of a formalized volunteer program and complete a needs assessment to identify needs in job coaching and financial literacy for the Dartmouth community.
We anticipate this position to begin in August 2018.

What skills/qualities does an ideal candidate for this position have?
• Great listener and committed to building relationships across campus and across the Upper Valley
• Someone interested in growing professionally and building their skillset
• An interest in learning more about diversity and inclusion work
• The ability to be self-directed but also thrives in a collaborative team environment
• Willingness to learn about and understand issues of rural poverty
• Detail-oriented
• Able to work in an environment that deals with sensitive and confidential information
• Knowledgeable about Microsoft Office suite
• Education: minimum Associates Degree
• Willingness to commit a full year of service to the AmeriCorps VISTA program

What are the benefits of being an AmeriCorps VISTA member?
• Modest living allowance, health coverage, 10 personal and 10 vacation days with paid holidays (according to Dartmouth’s holiday schedule)
• Forbearance on qualified student loans
• $5,815 education award OR $1,800 cash stipend
• Child care allowance
• Professional development
How do I apply?
Review our Community Engagement VISTA position. Then create your profile on my.AmeriCorps.gov. Fill out an application and submit your application to our position listing. Applications are reviewed on a rolling basis.

Contact Renee Perreault at Catholic Charities of NH (Host Site Coordinator) at rperreault@nh-cc.org or Kara Wakefield at Dartmouth College at kara.l.wakefield@dartmouth.edu with any questions.