



**Employer Name:** Ascend Public Charter Schools

**Position Title:** Ascend Summer Teaching Fellowship (Junior Fellowship)

**Location:** 205 Rockaway Parkway, Brooklyn, New York City, New York 11212, United States

**Industry:** Education

### **Job Description**

If you're a college junior or college senior and considering teaching, become an Ascend Summer Teaching Fellow! You'll join other exceptional aspiring educators for a challenging and rewarding summer program in New York City.

In June, you'll take part in a fast-paced, intensive orientation, where you'll learn the basics of classroom management, lesson planning, and pedagogy to set you up for success with your students.

Submit your application ASAP to be considered for the upcoming fall group interview. Visit our fellowship page for more details.

During the summer, you will teach each morning in our Ascend Summer School and, in the afternoon, receive detailed feedback and tailored professional development to strengthen your teaching craft.

In addition to teaching Ascend's engaging English language arts and math curricula, you'll engage your summer school students for one hour every day in a daily elective block, with activities of your own design in your choice of one of the following four areas:

- Climate change
- Social justice
- Maker
- Social media and the internet

Not only will we provide you with an attractive summer stipend, we'll provide housing at no cost at a nearby college.

### **College Juniors**

At summer's end, you may be offered a full-time, permanent position as a classroom teacher at one of our 12 schools in Central Brooklyn, beginning the summer after you graduate. Upon college graduation and your return to Ascend as a permanent staff member, you will be able to earn a Master of Arts in Teaching at the highly regarded Relay Graduate School of Education, an institution founded by leading educators from high-performing charter networks and Teach for America.

### **Why extraordinary teachers teach at Ascend**

Ascend is a network of K-12 public charter schools serving 4,800 students across twelve schools in Central Brooklyn. Our mission is to provide our students an extraordinary education, placing them firmly on the path to success in college and beyond.

We guide our students to think critically and independently, and to enjoy education as an end in itself. We teach a rich and rigorous liberal arts curriculum that nurtures students' natural curiosity about the world. We foster a positive, non-punitive school culture where students feel connected, empowered, and safe to take academic risks. And we design our school buildings to reflect the incredible accomplishments that happen within their walls and our high aspirations for teaching and learning.

To create this kind of vibrant learning community, we invest heavily in our faculty by providing ongoing professional training and support, and encourage our educators to collaborate closely and push each other to achieve great outcomes.

Visit our website to learn more about the Ascend approach.

### **Responsibilities**

The Teaching Fellow will engage in various activities to build understandings and skills in teaching. In their first year, teaching fellows will be responsible for

- Actively participating in grade-level meetings, collaborative planning, and professional development, including an annual summer institute to build their teaching skill
- Working closely with and assisting a seasoned teacher to learn about pedagogical practices in the classroom
- Maintaining a passing grade-point average in their Relay Residency master program by completing all assignments and attending class regularly

In their second year, they will accept a full-time teaching position and will be responsible for

- Utilizing formal and informal assessment data to drive instruction and ensure student mastery of standards
- Building a warm and inclusive classroom environment, implementing the practices of Responsive Classroom
- Creating and maintain strong relationships with students and families
- Accepting ultimate responsibility for the academic progress of his or her students, and work to actively overcome setbacks
- Actively participating in grade-level meetings, collaborative planning, and professional development, including an annual summer institute

### **Staff and reporting relationships**

The Teaching Fellow reports to the dean of instruction. He or she also accepts direction from, and works closely with, the mentor teacher, dean of students, and school director.

### **Qualifications**

After submitting a resume, personal profile, and responses to short answer questions through our application portal, applicants participate in a multi-round interview process. Candidates must be college juniors, expected to graduate in December 2019 or spring 2020. Additionally, candidates must demonstrate a

- passion and commitment to teaching scholars in underserved areas and to closing the achievement gap;
- relentless drive to set and achieve ambitious goals;
- strong collaboration and teamwork skills; and
- growth mindset and ability to use feedback to improve practice.

### **Diversity at Ascend**

Ascend is committed to building a diverse and inclusive community, both through our hiring practices and our focus on creating a culture and environment where diverse perspectives, ideas, and identities are valued and integrated into our way of working and educating students. Ascend staff represent a wide diversity of racial, socio-economic, gender, religious, and national identities—opening a window to the entire Ascend community on the richness of humanity. We welcome all applicants who share our mission and vision to join us in our deeply consequential work.

### **Compensation**

Ascend offers a competitive stipend, a additional travel stipend and housing at no cost.

**Duration:** Permanent

**Job Functions:** Education, Teaching, Training

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Ascend Public Charter Schools provides an extraordinary liberal arts, college-preparatory education to students in educationally underserved communities in Brooklyn—New York City’s most populous borough. Our overarching mission is to place our students

firmly on the path to success in college and beyond, offering them an opportunity to transform their lives and the lives of their communities.

Founded in 2007, and having opened its flagship school Brooklyn Ascend Charter School in 2008, the Ascend network today comprises 10 schools in the Central Brooklyn neighborhoods of Brownsville, Bushwick, Canarsie, and East Flatbush. In school year 2017-18, 4,400 students in kindergarten through 11th grade from these and surrounding Brooklyn communities benefit from the private school-caliber education Ascend schools provide.

Ascend Public Charter Schools offers a rich, varied, rigorous Common Core-aligned curriculum, in a warm, supportive, and joyful culture. All Ascend schools occupy inspiring, light-filled, privately-leased facilities. Ascend schools are open to all students by lottery—with no admission criteria other than New York City residence—at no cost to families. Ascend schools serve all students and actively seek to fill every available seat.

Read about our results here: <http://bit.ly/aboutascend>

Read our reviews on Glassdoor: <http://bit.ly/ascendglassdoor>

An article about our progressive approach was written by the New York Times! Read here: <http://bit.ly/ascendcharterschools>

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**Allowed School Years:** Senior

**Allowed Majors:** All majors allowed

**Work Authorization Requirements:** US work authorization is required