



THE LANGUAGE ACCESS PROJECT

Internship Description

Global Wordsmiths is a social enterprise that serves immigrants and refugees in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania by eliminating language access barriers. The Language Access Project (LAP) is Global Wordsmiths' flagship Social Impact Initiative. Here's how it works:

- First, we choose talented bilingual university students and put them through our professional interpreter/translator training program.
- Next, we choose local nonprofit Partner Organizations that work directly with immigrants and refugees in Southwestern Pennsylvania.
- Then, we supervise and mentor the interns while they provide translation and interpretation to the Partner Organizations at no cost.

This directly enables equitable access to services for English-learning immigrants and refugees who need the services provided by Partner Organizations to integrate and thrive.

This summer, interns will translate vital documents for regional school districts and help schools contact families via telephone to share vital information with parents. These language supports will ensure that English-Learning families receive and understand the information they need about the return to school next fall in the context of the Covid-19 pandemic.

This is a part-time, remote (virtual) internship opportunity. Interns will receive university credit (if applicable) or a financial stipend when the internship concludes.

Past Language Access Project testimonials include:

- “I was able to help people be heard and understood.”
- “I got to translate documents that were impactful and very much needed.”
- “Everyone deserves to be understood, and I was able to make that happen.”

Other benefits include:

- Professional training and mentoring
- Real-world experience serving immigrant and refugee communities
- Language practice and experience

Interns must have a native or near-native fluency in their language and be available for 8 hours per week from May 31 to August 6, 2021.

Interns must also:

- Complete all mandatory trainings and clearances
- Read and sign the LAP Handbook
- Translate documents as needed by the Partner Organization
- Complete weekly evaluations

If you are interested in this opportunity, please contact Kiran Pande at kiran@globalwordsmiths.com