

**CSU & Imani Village/Trinity UCC /Nehemiah  
Social Justice Internship**

**Project: Imani Village: Designing Sustainable Communities via Community Engagement:  
Through the Lens of the Social Determinants of a “Well Community”**

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**Internship Description**

**Imani Village/Imani Works! /Trinity UCC** are seeking a motivated Social Justice/Political Science/ Sociology/ Economics /Criminal Justice/Public Health or Communication focused student intern (s) who is/are ready to apply knowledge of Social Justice; Political Science; Community Development; Environmental Justice; Economics and Social Determinants of Health, in a collaborative multi organizational community focused environment. The intern will assist in seeking information from and engaging with community stakeholders in the Pullman Roseland; Burnside and Chatham neighborhoods of Chicago, enabling these stakeholders to assisting in shaping and implementing the goals and objectives of Imani Village from a Social Determinants of what makes a “Well Community”. This will be a valuable experience for any student pursuing a career in Politics; City Government; Community Development; Environmental Justice; Public Health; Community Relations, Communications, or any other related profession.

**Intern Duties and Responsibilities** (*these duties can be divided between 2 or more interns*):

- Learn or review as a way of orientation, and context for the position, the origins, mission, goals, objectives and methodology of **Imani Village and Imani Works!** including, but not limited to interviews/conversations with leaders of the organization;
- Analyze the social and demographic statistics for the Pullman; Roseland; Burnside and Chatham communities of Chicago; identify key stakeholders, including significant community organizations; institutions; churches; businesses; politicians and major community development projects;
- Perform research and analysis on “social determinants of health” in general for the African American community *in Chicago*, and *specifically* for the Community Areas that Imani Village seeks to serve (Pullman/Roseland/ Burnside and Chatham), this includes attending designated community meetings, and other similar activities, and from such information make recommendations for improving current Imani Village program and projects and the establishment of others;
- Identify and research Career Development programs throughout Chicago and the South Suburbs, that train individuals in “Green Jobs”; catalog the details required to participate in such programs; with specific focus on opportunities for “*returning citizens*” and help design a proposed Imani Works! collaboration with such programs.

- Help plan, design and launch a community wide (community which Imani Village seeks to serve) communication tool(s) such as ( but not necessarily limited to) a digital newsletter; community news broadcast, etc., that monthly communicates the work and endeavors of Imani Village and Imani Works! and invites community participation;
- Help plan and design a volunteer platform and methodology which enables community members and others to participate in the work of Imani Village and Imani Works! and make recommendations for improvement;
- May perform additional projects upon request

### **Requirements**

- Political Science; Sociology; Communication or related major
- Minimum GPA of 2.5
- Experience with Microsoft Office
- Excellent critical thinking and problem-solving skills
- Good written and verbal communication skills
- Detail-oriented with strong organizational skills

### **Benefits**

- Practical experience with varied community-based research and engagement activities
- Shadowing, mentoring, and training opportunities with experienced and accomplished professionals
- Opportunity to apply scholarly research to resolving current day needs of real-life community concerns
- Opportunity to attend meetings and networking events
- Flexible schedule for students for one semester

### **About Us**

- **Imani Village/Imani Works!** is located at 901 E. 95<sup>th</sup> Street, Chicago, IL 60619
- **Imani Village and Imani Works!** are Community Development/Social Enterprise Entities, established by Trinity United Church of Christ, that are building and developing a “Model Sustainable Green Urban Community that will enhance and empower the lives of people of color” on the 23 acres of land owned by Imani Village, located at the north east corner at 95<sup>th</sup> Street and Cottage Grove and beyond, in Chicago Illinois. Imani Village is focused on the “physical real estate development” and Imani Works! is establishing the related programs to support, embrace and empower the community it serves.

The social construct of Imani Village and the pillars of development are four key determinants of the essential “Social Determinants of Health” needed to make a community wholesome; healthy, sustainable and thriving: namely: **Economic Justice; Ecological Justice; Mitigating the Impact of Mass Incarceration; and Health Equity.**

- To apply, email your resume, a cover letter expressing your interest in the internship, and a letter of recommendation from a CSU faculty member to Patricia J. Eggleston: [peggles358@aol.com](mailto:peggles358@aol.com) or [patricia.eggleston@imanivillage.com](mailto:patricia.eggleston@imanivillage.com) *and to* Juliette Tyson: [juliettejtyson@gmail.com](mailto:juliettejtyson@gmail.com)
- Applicants will be interviewed as per COVID-19 protocols, via virtual technology and communication.

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