Jumpstart recruits and trains college students to work with preschool children to support them in developing their language and literacy skills and preparing for success in kindergarten and beyond. In addition to earning work study dollars, students are able to receive the benefits of working alongside early childhood education experts in a local Seattle preschool and become part of a tight-knit UW student community.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

• Lead Jumpstart sessions, four hours per week (two afternoons OR mornings a week for two hours each session) • Read to children and lead hands-on activities that foster children’s oral language and social/emotional skills • Model appropriate reading techniques, interactions with children and demonstrate classroom leadership • Lead team planning meetings, which include planning, reflection, and/or training, 2-3 hours per week • Serve an additional 2-6 hours each week in a preschool classroom during the regular school day • Communicate with child’s family and share strategies for helping the child develop language and literacy skills • Receive pre-service training, Wednesday evening trainings, and attend periodic weekend training • Participate in team planning meetings, which include planning, reflection, and/or training, 3-4 hrs/wk

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

• Experience working with young children through Jumpstart, classroom work or other experience, or experience leading a group of your peers on an on-going basis or through a long-term position. • Ability to commit to working in a classroom for the academic year, during the same session time (Mon/Wed or Tues/Thurs 8:30 - 10:30 or 2:30 - 4:30). • Ability to problem-solve and think strategically • Ability to build relationships and work with children, families and preschool teachers at a local preschool. • Ability and openness to work with people from diverse ethnic, racial, and socioeconomic backgrounds • Willingness to learn about curriculum and activities for young children • Ability to work on a team

EDUCATIONAL BENEFITS
• The invaluable opportunity to form connections with local preschool children, families, and staff and to make an impact on a child's potential for success in kindergarten and beyond. • Training in the field of early childhood including strategies on how to effectively work with and support 3 - 5 year olds. • Training in social justice issues, particularly those affecting educational inequities in Seattle and beyond • Skills in learning how to effectively work in a group and develop one's own leadership potential. • Opportunities to earn academic credit • Eligible to fulfill service learning requirements for many courses • Eligible students may qualify for a $1289.00 AmeriCorps education award for completing 300 hours.

HOW TO APPLY

Attend an Information Session (schedule listed on our website: http://www.washington.edu/jumpstart/join-jumpstart-in-3-simple-steps/ 2. Fill out an application (also on our website). 3. Attend a Group Interview (you will be able to sign up for an interview at an Info Session).