

Job Description

JUNIOR STRINGS INTENSIVE COUNSELOR

(3.5-week position, June 6 – June 30)

Junior Strings Intensive (JSI) offers talented young violin, viola, and cello players ages 10-13 the opportunity to advance their technical and musical skills in a small group setting against the backdrop of the beautiful Berkshires of western Massachusetts and Tanglewood. Students will study their craft with an expert team of artist-teachers who are dedicated to the growth and development of musicians at this pivotal point in the arc of their music training.

Through a holistic curriculum of large ensemble, chamber music, and solo instruction, students rehearse, receive coachings, participate in master classes, and perform in outreach concerts and program recitals. Extra-curricular classes explore different genres of music, practice techniques, and body awareness, as well as outdoor activities and fun events. With world-class performances by BUTI faculty and at the Tanglewood Music Center, JSI is an immersive experience where students are nurtured as whole artists and inspired by the joyful music making happening all around them.

Responsibilities

In line with the holistic approach of this program, these positions form a special team within the BUTI community. JSI Counselors reside in the dormitories on campus alongside BUTI Resident Assistants and their designated JSI students in order to create a line of continuity and familiarity from daytime instruction to life outside of academics. Working with Student Life team members, JSI Counselors help to address any student behavioral or residential issues that may arise, and communicate ongoing issues across activities. Most importantly, the JSI Counselor is integrated seamlessly into the daily academic life of these middle-school age students, acting as a classroom aid for JSI Faculty on a rotating schedule. The counselors will lead planning extracurricular activities specifically for JSI students, and chaperoning for mealtimes and field trips. These positions report directly to the Manager of Student Life and consult with the JSI Director on a regular basis to discuss student needs and explore ideas for extracurricular activities that can enrich the academic curriculum.

On arrival, JSI Counselors partake in training alongside the Resident Assistant Team, to familiarize with University policies and procedures and prepare for the students' arrivals.

Qualifications

The preferred candidate for this position has a background in music performance and/or education and possesses the following qualities:

- Strong communication skills with a variety of individuals including students, parents, and faculty
- Excellent organizational skills
- Tolerant and flexible, adjusts to different situations
- Decision making, critical thinking
- Self-motivated, initiative, maintains a high level of energy
- Collaborates effectively as a member of a team
- Enjoys leading and supporting creative, artistic planning and activities
- Experience working with pre-college age students

Compensation includes contracted salary, housing, all meals in the campus dining hall, and a Tanglewood Lawn Pass.

To apply, please send a cover letter outlining your interest and qualifications along with a work resume to buti01@bu.edu or you may drop off a hard copy of your materials in room 211 of Boston University College of Fine Arts at 855 Commonwealth Ave., Boston, MA 02215.