ACLS Leading Edge Fellowship

**Project:** College Bridge Program Coordinator

**Organization:** The Petey Greene Program

**Location:** Washington, DC

**Stipend:** $62,500 in the first year, $65,000 in the second year, plus health insurance and professional development funding

**Start Date:** September 2022

ORGANIZATION DESCRIPTION

The Petey Greene Program supports the academic goals of incarcerated and formerly incarcerated people through high-quality volunteer tutoring programs, while educating volunteers on the injustice manifest in our carceral system. Founded in 2008, PGP operates the largest multi-state tutoring program in jails, prisons, and detention centers, recruiting nearly 1,000 volunteers annually from 31 colleges in seven states, tutoring approximately 2,000 incarcerated people in 47 facilities. In July 2020, PGP approved a three-year strategic plan, which prioritizes a shift from only supplementing existing prison education programs to implementing and promoting the highest-quality education for incarcerated and formerly incarcerated people. Learn more at [https://www.peteygreene.org/](https://www.peteygreene.org/).

POSITION DESCRIPTION

The restoration of Pell Grant eligibility for incarcerated people, which takes full effect in July 2023, has the potential to expand access to higher education. However, many incarcerated students lack the literacy and numeracy skills necessary to enroll and succeed in a college program. At the encouragement of justice-impacted learners and higher education in prison programs, PGP is piloting and developing a scaling strategy for college bridge programming that helps incarcerated people acquire the writing, critical thinking and math skills required to access post-secondary programs, while fostering the sense of educational self-efficacy and confidence vital to succeed. The PGP currently offers a college bridge writing program in three correctional facilities in Washington, DC, New Jersey and Massachusetts. Within the next two years, PGP will replicate the College Bridge program at scale, expanding it across its seven-state footprint and offering math courses alongside writing courses.

The Leading Edge Fellow will join Petey Greene as the College Bridge Program Coordinator, to support the implementation, evaluation, and expansion of the College Bridge Program at the Washington, DC DOC Jail. They will report to PGP’s Academic Manager and work closely with the Washington DC Regional Manager. The Fellow will be responsible for recruiting and training volunteer tutors, collaborating with the instructors to create and deliver trainings focused on writing pedagogy in carceral settings, and ensuring that tutors attend PGP national virtual pre-service training. In addition, they will collaborate with PGP Academic Manager and external consultants to evaluate the program and write yearly reports that will inform its refinement and replication at scale. This will include gathering qualitative and quantitative data on the program effectiveness from both students and tutors through interviews, focus groups and surveys as well as – during the second year of the fellowship – developing and implementing a system to collect academic outcome data for College Bridge Program alumni. Finally, the Fellow will serve as a point of reference for our university partnerships. In the first fellowship year, they will focus on piloting a co-curricular model that will enable University of Maryland undergraduates to enroll in a course focused on writing pedagogy in carceral spaces and to obtain academic credit for serving as tutors in the PGP College Bridge Writing Program. With support of their supervisor, they will manage communication with the university administration, and they will collaborate

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with teaching faculty and PGP staff to design the curriculum. In the second year of the fellowship, they will draft, with support of PGP Academic Manager, collaboration agreements with local Community Colleges and 4-year institutions to ensure that incarcerated students can receive academic credit for completing the College Bridge Writing Program and to facilitate their transition to a degree-granting program.

The fellowship tenure is 24 consecutive months, with an expected time commitment of approximately 37.5 hours per week.

**Responsibilities and tasks:**

- Recruit and train tutors, in collaboration with PGP staff and with PGP university partners.
- Participate in regular check-ins with tutors and instructors.
- Collect and analyze program evaluation data, including data on student engagement, academic progress, and self-confidence, as well as volunteer attendance to training and tutoring sessions.
- Collaborate with PGP Academic Manager and external consultants to gather academic outcome data for College Bridge Program alumni (including college enrollment rates and self-reported grades).
- With support of PGP staff, author annual reports on the College Bridge Program in Washington DC, providing recommendations for its expansion and replication at scale.
- Collaborate with PGP Academic Manager and university partners to establish a continuum of educational opportunities for College Bridge Writing Program students and alumni.
- Collaborate with PGP Director of Communications and media team to develop public facing Communication on the College Bridge Program.

**Qualifications:**

- PhD in any field of the humanities or humanistic social sciences. Read more about eligible fields in our FAQ;
- Interest in the criminal legal system and the carceral state;
- Strong communication skills, both oral and written.

**Preferred:**

- Strong interest or experience in program evaluation;
- Experience collaborating with university administration;
- We welcome applications from justice-impacted scholars.

**APPLICATIONS**

- Information on the Leading Edge Fellowship Program: [https://www.acls.org/competitions/acls-leading-edge-fellowships/](https://www.acls.org/competitions/acls-leading-edge-fellowships/)
- All applications must be submitted through the ACLS Online Fellowship Application System (ofa.acls.org)
- Application deadline: March 28, 2022, 9pm EDT