



THE LANGUAGE ACCESS PROJECT

Internship Description

Global Wordsmiths is an interpretation and translation company which serves immigrants and refugees in Pittsburgh by eliminating language access barriers. Our Social Impact Initiative, the Language Access Project, recruits and trains bilingual university students to be paired with local nonprofits who are in need of language access services. Interns are stationed at our headquarters in East Liberty.

In Spring 2020, our interns will translate vital documents and interpret in-person for early childhood centers, schools, libraries, youth art academies, and children's hospital.

Through their work with the non-profits, our interns create positive change in the Pittsburgh community. For example:

- “[I was] able to help someone’s voice be heard and understood.”
- “My most rewarding thing was getting to aid someone in communication with their social worker.”
- “I got to translate documents that were impactful and very much needed.”

Our interns also speak about the personal benefits of participating in the Project:

- Real-world experience serving immigrant and refugee communities
- Training in interpretation and translation
- Connections with nonprofits and employees in the social services field
- Increased practice in their language
- Stipend or academic course credit upon completion of internship

Interns must have a **native or near-native fluency** in their language and be available for 8 hours per week from January 11th to April 17, 2020. Interns must also:

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

If you are interested in this opportunity, please contact Meredith Getachew at meredith@globalwordsmiths.com