



**The Commit! Partnership  
2017 Spring Intern  
Position Opening**

While 65 percent of regional jobs in 2020 will require education beyond high school, only 14 percent of public high school students in Dallas County graduate high school college ready. What if we, as a community, could jointly improve these odds for the 750,000+ students in Dallas County? The Commit! Partnership, the regional backbone for driving student educational achievement from cradle to career through the power of collective impact, has tasked itself and its partners with improving these odds throughout Dallas County.

Whether analyzing data to build a case for greater educational investment or publishing content for case studies or social media posts, there are a variety of opportunities for interns to make a difference. By joining the 20-person Commit! backbone staff, you will help drive student achievement in Dallas County from cradle to career while working with a close-knit, diverse team.

The Spring Internship is a paid, 20-week program. You will help drive one or more key projects based on your interests and Commit!'s needs. Potential roles could include:

- **Project Management:** Assisting with coordination for high-impact projects including: a college affordability campaign to increase the number of students that access financial aid and an innovative partnership between high schools and colleges that offers personalized reminders for high school seniors.
- **Developing Strategic Partnerships:** Identify, recruit, and support community organizations with raising awareness about pre-K to increase the number of students in Dallas County that enter elementary school kindergarten ready.
- **Marketing and communications:** Writing and editing content for educational case studies, blog posts, and social media updates. Past interns have helped develop and implement a comprehensive communications plan for both students and community partners to help build community momentum towards increasing college attainment.
- **Supporting Education Programs:** Conducting research and analysis and communicate our collective impact efforts in Early Childhood, Postsecondary Attainment, and Human Capital campaigns.

The internship will provide hands-on experience and exposure to the broader Dallas County educational community. Skills developed will be applicable to a variety of pursuits including education, business, and more.

Qualifications we seek:

- Strong academic record
- Self-starter who can multitask and manage time effectively
- Excellent oral and written communication skills; excellent quantitative skills a big plus
- Flexibility to take on a variety of projects—including those involving data, writing, and research
- Comfort with Microsoft Office products, specifically PowerPoint and Excel
- Ability to work independently and collaboratively on a team
- Humor, integrity, and patience
- Belief in the power of education to improve the odds for all children in service of Commit!'s mission

To apply, please submit a resume, a cover letter detailing your interest in and qualification for the role, and a copy of your college transcript to Sagar Desai at [sagar.desai@commit2dallas.org](mailto:sagar.desai@commit2dallas.org).



## **Description of the Commit! Partnership**

The Commit! Partnership is a coalition of 180 Dallas County organizations using robust data, community expertise, and the power of collective action to solve the biggest education challenges preventing the region's students from succeeding in school, college, and career.

Representing nearly 750,000 students from pre-K through college, Commit! is the largest member of the national StriveTogether Network, comprised of 64 chapters who commit to rigorous quality standards and who share research, practices and new approaches across their communities for collective impact. Founded in 2012, Commit! is strongly supported by civic leaders and some of the region's most prominent CEO's, foundation directors, college presidents, K-12 superintendents and non-profit executives. A backbone staff of 20 employees supports the work of the Partnership through measurement, communications, convening, and project management.

Commit! was recently honored as one of only six inaugural recipients of the StriveTogether Accelerator Fund, positioning the organization with funding and strategic support for another 3 years of accelerated growth towards student outcomes.

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Interested candidates should email a cover letter and one-page resume to Sagar Desai at [sagar.desai@commit2dallas.org](mailto:sagar.desai@commit2dallas.org). Please reference the "2017 Spring Intern" position in the subject line. For more information, [read more about us](#) or contact Sagar with questions.