

BSC Birmingham-Southern College
HESS FELLOWS ADVOCACY PROGRAM

– Agency Application –

Part I: Agency Information

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Agency Mission Statement: Bread for the World is a collective Christian voice urging our nation's decision makers to end hunger at home and abroad. By changing policies, programs, and conditions that allow hunger and poverty to persist, we provide help and opportunity far beyond the communities where we live.

Part II: Plans for Hess Fellow

- 1) Students will have the best experience as interns and they will be easier for us to recruit and match if they have a clear project or project area. Please describe an example of a project or focus area you could assign to a Hess Fellow. We recognize that the details might change, but please provide an overview.

Government Relations fellows work on a variety of short-term tasks, as well as long-term projects, focused on domestic and/or international hunger and poverty issues. A big piece of a summer fellow's work is preparing for and helping put on Bread for the World's annual Lobby Day event. This event draws 300+ Bread members from across the country who come to D.C. to learn and advocate on 1-2 specific policy issues. A summer Hess fellow would help prepare for this event by assisting Government Relations staff with research and creation of materials, as well as assisting with day-of logistics, and also getting to sit in on Congressional meetings for his/her state/district, and meet other Bread for the World members from his/her state.

A Hess fellow would also cover briefings on Capitol Hill and events in D.C., and schedule & sit in on meetings between Bread staff and Congressional offices. Writing assignments will be given such as writing blogs for the Bread website. Interns may be asked throughout their duration in the office to monitor a specific issue, such as criminal justice reform, child nutrition, food aid reform, etc.

- 2) All of the Hess Fellow interns will be sophomores or juniors with evidence of academic success. We will conduct an interview with them to gauge level interest in your project area and skill set. Which of the following would be particularly valuable for your Hess Fellow to display: foreign language skills, extensive writing, secondary research (compiling resources), primary research (gathering new data), interpersonal skills, quantitative analysis, other. Please list priorities and any other skills that would be valuable.

Background knowledge of Congress and the legislative process is helpful, but not required. An interest in domestic and international hunger and poverty issues, including root cause issues such as employment, wages, mass

incarceration, and agriculture issues. An ideal candidate will have strong writing and secondary research skills. Excellent attention to detail and ability to work in a fast-changing environment, as well as a self-starter attitude will all help a fellow excel at Bread for the World.

- 3) Hess Fellows are required to intern for a minimum of 8 weeks. Please indicate start and end dates for your intern and if these are dates are adjustable.

The ideal time for a fellow to join our team is mid to late May. The start date is flexible but preference will be given to a start date in May, due to the busy schedule we often have in early June. Past Hess fellows have had a shorter fellowship experience than other Bread for the World interns/fellows, who typically work late May through early or mid-August, but that is not an issue for Bread. If the fellow would like to stay longer than 8 weeks, they are more than welcome to but this is by no means required.

We will notify you about placements no later than March 3rd. We assume that you will hold a place for a Hess Fellow until that date. If you agree, please electronically sign below.

Signature

Please contact Emily Thornton (ethornto@bsc.edu) if you would like participate in the Hess Fellow interview and selection process (phone/video interviews can be accommodated).