

Federal Community Service Work-Study (FCS)

Carnegie Mellon participates in the Federal Community Service program during the academic year and summer work periods. This program offers qualified nonprofit employers the opportunity to advertise community service jobs and hire Carnegie Mellon students at a reduced rate. Some on-campus jobs also qualify. Any Carnegie Mellon student who qualifies for a federal Work-Study award is eligible to participate in this program.

What is Community Service?

According to the Federal Government, the definition of community service is, "Services that are designed to improve the quality of life for community residents, particularly low-income individuals, or to solve particular problems related to their needs.

Through community service, students can become engaged in real-world experiences, be given the chance to improve the quality of life within communities, and also develop new skills and experiences that enhance their resume. Most positions will be found in one or more of the following areas: community involvement, neighborhood improvement, social services, childcare, and literacy training. All jobs must pay a minimum of \$8.25/hour to a maximum of \$12.00/hour and provide opportunities for experiential learning and professional growth. Students are paid through the Carnegie Mellon Payroll System every 2 weeks.

PLEASE NOTE: It is possible for a student's Work-Study award amount to change before and during the academic year. Changes could be the result of changing financial circumstances, receipt of additional financial aid, or other factors. All questions about work-study awards should be directed to the HUB at 268-8186.