

Please forward to your students. Thank you.

Interested in issues of race, poverty, education and social justice? The Mississippi Teacher Corps application deadline is Monday, December 20th ([link to the online application here](#)).

The Mississippi Teacher Corps (MTC) is the most competitive teaching program in the country. The two-year program, designed for non-education majors, recruits college graduates to teach in the Mississippi Delta and other "critical-needs" areas. MTC offers a host of benefits, including teacher training and certification, a full scholarship for a master's degree in education, a MacBook, job placement that includes full pay and benefits, and, most importantly, the opportunity to make a difference in the lives of students in one of the poorest areas of the country.

During the summer training all participants receive free housing on-campus and a \$1,000 stipend. During the school year all participants receive full pay and benefits.

You can see short bios of all of our participants [here](#). All participants complete a final portfolio of their experiences which you can view [here](#).

Here is a short video profile of the program. [Photos here](#). [Facebook group here](#). [YouTube here](#). Follow us on [Twitter here](#). [Frequently Asked Questions here](#).

MTC has an online application ([direct link to the application form here](#)). The application deadline is Monday, December 20th. Applications must be received by 11:59 PM (PST) on Monday evening.

Summer Internship

MTC also offers a summer internship for current juniors, sophomores and freshmen. The summer internship aims to be the most interesting college course you take. Here was summer intern Larissa Davis' response to the question "What did you learn from the internship? How did you change?"

I really don't want to answer this question, not because I'm copping out on this blog, but because I don't know how to express the impact this internship has had on me. In the poem I wrote last week I used the phrase "something happened" repetitively. I used it because something did happen. It's like when you know someone is going to report bad news, you don't want to hear hit so you brace yourself. Still, when it hits, it knocks you down. This internship knocked me down a few pegs. I've lived most of my life not oblivious, but ignorant of how deep the education problem in this nation is. I'd never been so close to the disparities. When you read, hear, and see the educational tragedy caused by poverty and by race, I don't reason anyone can leave unchanged. At the least we can proclaim the wrongs in our education system to others who haven't seen or experienced the bottom.

Summer interns examine issues of race, education and poverty (and food). We do this through field trips, a speaker series and readings. Reflections are done as blog entries and discussions.

In addition, all summer interns will gain valuable experience working at the MTC office and at our summer school.

All interns also work towards a final project. This past summer the interns created an Oral History Project and future interns will conduct more interviews to add to this project.

You can see short videos about the summer internship [here](#), [here](#), [here](#) and [here](#).

The online internship application will be available on our website starting January 10, 2011. The application deadline will be March 15. Applicants will be notified no later than March 31, 2011.

Feel free to contact any of our previous interns. Last summer's interns, Betsy Critchfield and Larissa Davis, would love to talk to you more about their experiences:

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