

University of Northern Iowa

Nonprofit Leadership Alliance

Request for Proposals

Due Friday, March 4, 2016

**RESEARCH PROPOSAL**

The Nonprofit Leadership Alliance Student Association is committed to engaging in research that will benefit students in learning research skills, as well as benefit organizations and their beneficiaries by informing practice through potential findings. **Research Proposals are due FRIDAY, MARCH 4, 2016. Please submit your proposal to Andrew Juarez, Director of Research,** **juareaaa@uni.edu****.**

**Overview**

* UNI Nonprofit Leadership Alliance is seeking organizations for proposals to engage students in a research project regarding the work of the organization, with a special focus on one or more of the Nonprofit Leadership Alliance’s core competencies (see next page for details).
* Research conducted could potentially result in publication and/or a presentation.
* Research is to be completed by December 2016.

**CONTACT DETAILS**

Name of the organization:

Address:

Contact Person:

Email:

Phone Number:

**RESEARCH IDEAS**

1. What is your research question(s) you want answered?

2. Please provide a brief description of the research project(s)?

3.Please outline how the research will be beneficial to the students and the organization.

**DATA COLLECTION**

4. Do you have the data for this project? YES NO

5. Is the data reported to SuccessLink formerly known as Communities in Schools? YES NO

6. Would this research project involve creating a survey to collect the data? YES NO

**COMPETENCIES DEVELOPED**

7. Please select any of competencies that is related to the research project.

 **Program Development** (Highlights program design, implementation, and evaluation strategies applicable to all nonprofit).

 **Volunteer & Human Resource Management (**Highlights the knowledge, skills, and techniques for managing volunteer and paid staff).

 **Financial Resource Development & Management (**Highlights financial resource acquisition, budgeting, financial management, control and transparency in nonprofit organizations).

 **Communication, Marketing & Public Relations (**Highlights knowledge, attitudes, and activities that nonprofit organizations use to understand, inform, and influence their various constituencies).

 **Cultural Competency and Diversity (**Highlights the development of cultural competency preparation for professional practice in culturally diverse settings).

 **Governance, Leadership & Advocacy (**Highlights the stewardship and advocacy roles, responsibilities and leadership of the board of directors, staff and volunteers in the development of policies, procedures and processes by which nonprofits operate and are held accountable).

 **Legal & Ethical Decision Making (**Highlights basic laws, regulations and professional standards that govern nonprofit sector operations, including a basic knowledge of risk and crisis management, ethics, and decision-making).

 **Personal & Personal Development (**Highlights the nature of employment in the nonprofit sector, from researching career opportunities, applying and interview for a job, to continuing professional development).

 **Foundations & Management of the Nonprofit Sector (**Highlights the history, contributions, and unique characteristics of the nonprofit sector and its management).

 **Future of the Nonprofit Sector (**Highlights the dynamic nature of the nonprofit sector, the importance of continuous improvement, emerging trends and innovations, and the critical role research plays in shaping best practices).