



VANDY IN Education & Social Impact

The Vandy in Education and Social Impact community supports students interested in education and social impact, two deeply interconnected fields that shape society in powerful ways. Whether you're passionate about classroom teaching, policy, nonprofit work, government service or ed tech innovation, you'll find resources and career guidance to help you explore and thrive in these impactful pathways.

Interested in the Education & Social Impact Community?

Join the Vandy in Education & Social Impact Newsletter

Be in the know for all events and programs, including treks and recruiting events.

Complete Handshake Profile

Identify interests and learn more about jobs and internship opportunities.

Common Pathways

K -12 Teaching & Instruction

Classroom-based roles supporting student learning and development.

Education Leadership & Administration

Operations, leadership, and student services in K-12 schools, higher education and educational institutions.

Education Technology & Innovation

Designing, implementing, and managing technology tools and platforms that improve teaching, learning and access.

Non-Profit & Community Impact

Mission-driven work in community organizations, foundations and non-profits focused on service, equity and impact.

Public Policy & Government

Advancing education, equity, and social change through legislation, public programs, civic engagement and policy reform.

Continued Education & Research

Pathways include Master of Education (M. Ed.), Master of Public Policy (M.P.P.), Master of Public Administration (M.P.A.), Master of Social Work (M.S.W.), PHDs, JDs and more.

Get Vandy Ready for roles in
education & social impact.

PROGRAMS TO KNOW

K-12 Career Fair

Schools and school districts from Nashville and around the country visit Vanderbilt to provide information about their organizations, connect with students and suggest how to stand out in the job search.

PreK-12 Interview Relay

The PreK-12 Interview Relay gives students the chance to hone interview skills through mock interviews with real employers. Students will receive expert feedback on responses, network with potential employers and prepare for future job interviews.

Service Fair

The Service Fair brings over 60 community partners, organizations and agencies with a variety of missions to Vanderbilt to interact with students who want to get more involved with the Nashville community.

Vandy at the Capitol

Vandy at the Capitol offers students a unique opportunity to explore Washington, D.C., engage with policy experts and government officials, and gain valuable career insights through workshops, panel discussions and networking events.

Vandy in Education & Social Impact Week

Vandy in ESI Week features programs to help students better understand roles in education and social impact industries, learn from industry leaders and network with alumni.



COMPANIES & SCHOOLS TO CONSIDER



RECRUITMENT TIMELINE

The hiring timeline can vary depending on the organization and the specific role. Many government agencies and nonprofit organizations recruit for entry-level positions and internships during the spring semester, with application deadlines typically falling between January and March. Most education positions within schools have active hiring periods in the spring and early summer.

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ALUMNI TIPS & INSIGHTS

Follow your passion and find a place where you like the people and feel challenged by the work. I knew I wanted to work in the nonprofit field and came to the Red Cross to work in a large organization with room to grow. I've now been here 21 years. I have never been bored and have worked with terrifically smart and dedicated people. Don't feel the need to jump around if you are happy and challenged somewhere.

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