

Internship Details

Students for Collective Liberation

Fall 2026 Action Research Internship

The Students for Collective Liberation (SCL) action research internship is an opportunity for Brookline-based youth to get involved in a local participatory action research project, providing them research experience and an opportunity to serve their community.

Applications for the Fall 2026 cohort are closed. Applications were open until **Sunday, August 23rd, 2026 at 11:59pm est.**

Internship Description

This internship gives Brookline-based youth (14–20 years old) interested in activism, social justice, and education an opportunity to join a youth participatory action research (YPAR) group from September through December 2026. Interns will explore questions about collective liberation and social justice, diverse inclusion of all people in education and community spaces, facilitating effective learning spaces, and curriculum and program design. Meeting virtually twice a week for an hour on Tuesday and Thursday evenings, interns will collaborate with one another and facilitator/researcher, Lily Lockwood, to design a research method of their choosing, integrate the local community in the research process, and create curriculum for Brookline student activists. Interns will receive exposure to a variety of research methods and practical training on the method(s) of their choosing with a focus on feminist and justice-centered research practices.

Research Description

Principal researcher Lily Lockwood is a PSBMA alumni and recent graduate of Pace University. They have been engaged in community organizing in Brookline since 2020, when they were a student at BHS. While studying Peace & Justice Studies and Women & Gender Studies, Lily started an ongoing research project that explores the question, what does a popular education curriculum accessible to high school students interested in community action and collective liberation in Brookline, Massachusetts look like?

This research uses a youth participatory action research (YPAR) methodology, which means the research is meant to create something for a specific community by working with that community. Lily is looking for Brookline youth who are interested in local activism to be

co-researchers. Co-researchers will have their hands on every and any part of the research, as YPAR seeks to involve the local community in research.

For a more thorough understanding of the research history, methodology, and goals, please watch this [video](#).

Intern Responsibilities

Throughout the fall, interns will:

- Meet twice a week on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 6–7pm est over Zoom
- Learn tangible research skills, such as data collection methods, feminist and justice-centric research methods, interviewing, meeting facilitation, and ethnography skills
- Conduct data collection among peers
- Analyze and implement data (may include curriculum development, if interested)
- Work alongside other peer researchers
- Connect one-on-one with a mentor who provides post-high school guidance
- Provide feedback about internship program

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The SCL action research internship is an ***unpaid*** internship. Interns will not be asked to contribute more than 2 hours of additional time outside of the synchronous 2 hours working with the research team each week (no more than 4 total hours per week). Interns will have the option to engage further with the research if they desire (either during or after the internship). Interns are eligible to receive community service hours for their internship work.

Applicants will be notified of the admittance decision by August 25th, 2026.

Internship runs from September 1st to December 29th, 2026.

Who can apply?

Apply if you...

- Are interested in activism, social justice, community organizing, education
- Feel like you want to make a change in your Brookline community
- Like being in community and working with others
- Want to gain some awesome research experience
- Aren't sure how to take meaningful action while the world seems to be falling apart
- Have ideas you want to share

- Enjoy creating new projects and brainstorming ideas with others

You must meet all of the following criteria:

- Between 14 and 20 years old
- Current Public Schools of Brookline (PSBMA) student **OR** PSBMA Alumni **OR** Student studying outside of PSBMA who is a Brookline, MA resident (ex: homeschooled, attending a private institution)
- Can be a respectful researcher and team member

Note:

- You do not have to be physically located in Brookline, MA because all internship activity will happen remotely. However, there may be supplementary opportunities specifically open to those in Brookline.
- There is no “right” person for this internship. We are looking for a diverse group of people who are passionate about this research!

How to apply?

Fill out this [application via google forms](#). Applications are open until **Sunday, August 23rd, 2026 at 11:59pm est**. To view the full application in document format, see [here](#). Just make sure you submit your application on the [google form](#)! If you have any questions, please reach out to: seaapic@gmail.com.

Application Questions

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Thank you for your interest in the Students for Collective Liberation Fall 2026 Action Research Internship!

This is the application form, due by Sunday, August 23rd at 11:59pm est.

- For more information about the internship, please see [this document](#).
 - To see this application in the form of a document, please [click here](#). Note: You must apply through this Google Form.
 - If you have questions, please email: seaapic@gmail.com
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Section 1: Information about You

Name*

Preferred First Name & Legal Last Name

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Email*

Phone Number*

In the Fall of 2026, I will be a...*

- BHS freshman/first year
- BHS sophomore/second year
- BHS junior/third year
- BHS senior/fourth year
- BHS alumni (class of 2024, 2025, or 2026)
- Other:

If you're an alumni, please share (if applicable): 1) the name of your college/university/program, 2) anticipated year of graduation, and 3) major(s)/minor(s)

How did you hear about us?*

Would you like to join our email newsletter list?*

(note: this will not impact the decision regarding your application)

- Yes
- No

Section 2: Experience and Interest

Please upload your resume if you have one

No need to worry about it being perfect or super professional (creativity is encouraged)!

What excites or interests you about research?* (max 1500 characters)

What is one social justice issue you are passionate about?* (max 1500 characters)

Share an experience where you worked through conflict on a team.* (max 1500 characters)

What is one lesson you think student activists need to learn early?* (max 1500 characters)

Section 3: Demographics

We ask demographic questions to better know about the group of people who applied.

These questions can be personal. You don't have to answer these questions if you don't want to. The information is helpful to make sure we have a diverse group of applicants.

Gender (identity or expression)

Sexual Orientation

Race (click all that apply)

- Black or African American
- Asian
- Pacific Islander, Native Hawaiian, or Pasifika
- Native American, Indigenous, Alaska Native
- Arab, Middle Eastern
- White, Caucasian, or European American

Ethnicity

Ethnicity refers to the specific ethnic ancestry you have. For example: Korean, Iranian, Chilean, Ugandan, Maori, etc.

Age

Do you have a disability?

Religion