

Position: Content Assistant

Location: Virtual (headquarters in New York City)

Site Mentor: Joshua Zarbo

Organization Description:

Launched by Stevie Van Zandt with the Founders Board of Bono, Jackson Browne, Martin Scorsese, and Bruce Springsteen, TeachRock has provided free, standards-aligned educational resources to help teachers, students, and families succeed for more than a decade.

TeachRock improves students' lives by bringing the sound, stories, and science of music to all classrooms. From The Beatles to Beyoncé, from kindergarten to AP History, in the classroom or remotely, TeachRock offers meaningful lesson materials that inspire deeper learning and understanding through the power of music.

TeachRock's Partner School program includes a multi-year collaboration with the Connecticut State Department of Education, ongoing projects with New York City Department of Education, Los Angeles Unified School District, Chattanooga, TN public schools, as well as with individual schools in Chicago, Cleveland, and Milwaukee.

TeachRock functions as part of the 501(c)(3) The Rock and Soul Forever Foundation and is endorsed by the National Council for the Social Studies, the National Association for Music Education, and the National Council for Geographic Education. TeachRock has collaborated with and partnered on projects with The Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, The Grammy Museum, Scholastic, CNN, PBS, ABC News, among many others.

Position Description:

TeachRock is undergoing a major initiative to increase the diversity of musical artists and other public figures represented in its curriculum. The Content Assistant would assist the TeachRock Content team in developing educational materials that feature underrepresented communities in the United States, in particular Latinx, Asian American and Pacific Islander, and Women.

The Content Assistant is encouraged to propose their own projects for development during the internship period. Especially welcomed are candidates with an interest in translating their own research and scholarship to Elementary, Middle, or High School classrooms, so long as such research is aligned with TeachRock's mission and goals. The Content Assistant may also assist in ongoing projects TeachRock is developing.

Key Responsibilities:

- Aiding in developing and drafting TeachRock content, including education materials and social media copy
- Communicating with staff, Teachrock.org users, and other stakeholders on Content projects

Preferred Qualifications:

- Scholarly background in one or more of the following areas: Latin American Studies; Asian American and Pacific Islander Studies; Ethnic Studies; Gender Studies; U.S. History or American Studies; Women's Studies; Popular Music History, Musicology, or Ethnomusicology
- Experience in curriculum design and development
- Experience working with an editor
- Familiarity with remote work software (Google Workspace and Zoom specifically)
- Project and time management skills
- Ability to work independently
- K-12 teaching experience a plus
- Familiarity with contemporary popular music a plus