



## Position Description

Lend for America is for college students interested microfinance and community development. With Lend for America you'll spend your summer working with real people, real businesses, and real money. You'll get to meet entrepreneurs, review loans, see how microfinance works in the U.S., and you'll be working with people who've chosen careers with a conscience. All of your travel expenses will be paid and you'll receive a \$2500 stipend.

Your summer kicks off with a classroom introduction to US microfinance and a gathering with its leaders.

You'll spend 8 weeks learning from hard working Americans and microfinance practitioners about the opportunities for microfinance to transform business owners and communities by reviewing loan applications, opening savings accounts, and coaching clients. You'll be based with Community Empowerment Fund in Chapel Hill, NC; The Intersect Fund in New Brunswick, NJ; or the Capital Good Fund in Providence, RI.

After the summer, you'll start a new Campus MFI and join a national network of social entrepreneurs working to build a better country through microfinance. After a few weeks, you'll serve your first client, make your first loan, and soon you'll be hooked.

## Selection Criteria

- Applicants graduating in spring of 2012 will be disqualified
- Student staff of current Campus Microfinance Alliance member organizations are not eligible
- Availability from May 31, 2012-August 6, 2012
- Proven leadership ability
- Strong interest in microfinance
- Excellent communication and organizational skills
- Excellent computer skills
- Applicants who complete early work on starting a campus MFI (*Preferred but not mandatory*)
- Conversational Spanish (*Preferred but not mandatory*)

## Important Dates

**Virtual Information Session** - January 20 at 2 pm - Sign up now! (<https://cc.readytalk.com/cc/s/showReg?udc=7m60f098l8uv>)

**Early selection application deadline** - January 30

**Regular selection application deadline** - February 28

## About the program

Lend for America is a program of the Campus Microfinance Alliance ([campusmfi.org](http://campusmfi.org)). Since 2001, college students across the country have led the development of microfinance institutions to spur economic development in their campus communities. The organizations below are members of the Campus Microfinance Alliance, a collaborative effort started in 2009 to support the growth of the student-led microfinance movement.

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