

OUT OF STATE CANDIDATES / NAVIGATING LOS ANGELES

I was wondering what your interview process for out of state applicants?

We can accommodate out of state applicants by having a phone interview and waiving the group interview. Usually, out-of-state applicants are at a disadvantage when it comes to the Partner Organization interviews. If you advance to that level, we highly encourage candidates to attend in person. Please call if you have any questions.

Can I apply for more than one city?

Absolutely. Please make sure to send a complete copy of your application to both sites. Also, make sure that your application satisfies both sites' requirements. Specifically, Public Allies Los Angeles application differs from the other sites.

Is housing provided with this program or are participants supposed to commute?

Unfortunately, we do not have the means to provide housing to participants. We can assist you and finding roommates among the network of Alum or current allies by forwarding your request on to others. In the past, some people have (and are currently) commuting from as far as Rancho Cucamonga, Santa Ana and Pomona. However, it is easier for allies to be closer to the city to fully participate with all of the program activities.

Would we need to have our own transportation?

Although we encourage allies to use public transportation as much as possible, L.A. is definitely easier to navigate if you have your own transportation. Some organizations also require transportation for their positions. No worries; we have a lot of allies who use L.A.'s expanding public transportation system and/or carpool with other allies.

For out of state applicants, we suggest that you become familiar with Los Angeles' different neighborhoods. You can learn more about L.A. via websites such as www.healthycities.org, www.experiencela.org or even www.yelp.com, which covers much of the various neighborhoods.

As a very large city, navigating public transportation could become an issue if you live too far from your placement. The majority of our partner organizations are located in the city proper. The local transportation site is www.metro.net.

How extensive is the healthcare?

Allies receive basic Health and Dental Insurance, which varies from state to state, as well as by provider. Please call your site and request a list of benefits.

For out-of-state candidates-

What do you want to learn from L.A. that you will want to bring back to your community?

