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Applying for an Urban Investigation at your school

CUP is pleased to announce that we're taking on new school partners for our 2013 *Urban Investigations*. *Urban Investigations* are CUP's afterschool programs that give young people the tools to investigate their communities, and use art and design to create educational tools based on their research.

Each investigation begins with a key question. Where does our water come from? Where does our garbage go? Who owns the Internet? To find answers, students go beyond standard classroom learning and engage in rigorous field research: visiting real sites and interviewing decision-makers and stakeholders. After researching the issue, students collaborate with a teaching designer to produce innovative, engaging multimedia teaching tools.

Many of these products are adopted by neighborhood organizations and advocacy groups who use them to educate their constituents.

By participating in *Urban Investigations*, students gain the skills to investigate their own communities. They gain access to the decision-makers that affect the world around them, and engage in active citizenship. Students learn how to creatively communicate their ideas through design. Project-based learning allows students to shine in multiple ways: from interviewing to illustration, from audio production to writing. Students see the city as the product of a decision-making landscape and are empowered to participate in it. The products that students create with a visual artist find real audiences and impact communities outside of the school in arts and social justice fields.

Who Should Apply

Urban Investigations work best in afterschool programs or school programs that can accommodate semester-long projects that meet at least two times a week. Sessions are usually three hours long to give the project team the flexibility to leave the classroom for site visits and interviews. Urban Investigations require a minimum of 80 contact hours.

CUP works exclusively with public high school students, or high school-aged students. We work with students who are not high-achieving in traditional academic settings, but have a lot to offer in terms of enthusiasm and curiosity.

Urban Investigations are funded through a 50-50 cost share between the school and CUP. Project costs range from \$20,000 - \$30,000, depending on the length of the project. With enough lead time, CUP can fund raise together with our school partners.

We are looking for partners for the spring, summer, and fall.

CUP also provides shorter, in-class and afterschool programming through our *City Studies* program. To find out more, visit welcometocup.org/Projects/CityStudies

If you're interested in bringing an *Urban Investigation* to your school or afterschool program, send us the following information by September 15th, 2012:

Name of your School or Afterschool Program:

Primary contact:

Principal (if applicable):

Address

Phone

Email

Why are you interested in bringing an Urban Investigation to your students?

I'd like an Urban Investigation for (check one):

Spring 2013

Summer 2013

Fall 2013

I'm flexible