

TNS EdVentures Program Director—The New School, Atlanta
(Part Time Position – 6 instructional hours a week + planning time)

The New School (TNS), an independent four-year high school in Atlanta, offers an innovative curriculum which blends traditional academic study and community engaged learning, creating opportunities for students to do real-world work that takes them beyond the classroom. TNS takes a blended approach combining multiple experiential learning opportunities with a rigorous college prep program to equip students with the competencies they'll need to thrive in the workplace, higher education, and their personal lives post high school. TNS students apply their classroom learning in the city through major interdisciplinary projects, an entrepreneurship program, and internships, and in the process, develop portfolios of exceptional work and experiences. The New School is a pioneer of the Community Engaged Learning (CEL) model and has developed a network of 250+ community partners in Atlanta and beyond. To learn more, please visit www.tnsatlanta.org.

Position Description

The New School Entrepreneurship Program (EdVentures) is a year-long incubator program for the entire 11th grade class where students turn their passions and problem-solving skills into their own businesses and non-profits. The program consists of personal values discovery and leadership training; industry deep dives where students learn and practice innovation processes through targeted problem discovery, rapid-prototyping and testing; skills workshops in web-design, e-commerce, and civic innovation; and an incubator where students are guided through the process of launching their own for and non-profit products, services, and businesses.

The New School seeks a driven, innovative, Program Director to lead the TNS EdVentures program. The Program Director should be fluent in lean startup principles, the business model canvass, design thinking and human centered design, financial modeling, an experienced project manager and organizer with excellent written and verbal communication skills, have a keen an eye for detail, an entrepreneurial mindset, and a passion for high school education.

Essential Job Functions

Below are some of the tasks required of this position:

Lead

- Review and improve the current TNS EdVentures curriculum
- Build and maintain partnerships with Community Engaged Learning (CEL) Innovation Partners including local startups, design and marketing firms, incubators, accelerator programs and investment firms
- Engage mentors and speakers for program specific content and workshops
- Manage communications with students and families about assignments, deadlines, workshops, trips and events
- Practice thought leadership through regular blog and social media posting about the program and entrepreneurship education

Teach

- Facilitate and manage the delivery of the TNS EdVentures curriculum
- Be responsible for student assessment including grading participation, tasks, and skills development
- Implement rubrics to facilitate peer review, reflection, and tuning
- Plan and lead in-school relevant instruction and workshop sessions
- Oversee completion of deliverables by the students within their student ventures

Assess

- Evaluate and document program curriculum outcomes and propose changes based on program evaluation
- Outline and evaluate learning outcomes for student work and progress

Collaborate

- Assist in curating exhibitions of student work and pitch events
- Attend monthly faculty meetings and occasional additional planning/work time throughout the year
- Participate in and attend recruitment events (e.g., Information Sessions and Open Houses)
- Participate in planning and attend all Exhibitions, Curriculum Nights, relevant Parent Events

All faculty and staff are expected to embody the following New School values:

- The belief that students should be architects of their own learning
- A commitment to knowing students well and serving as their guide
- A passion for innovation, collaboration and participation in a community of learning
- Commitment to the school culture of continuous reflection and growth

Salary

This position pays a salary of \$20,000 for the academic year (early August 2021-late May 2022).

Interested candidates should contact Peter Lefkowitz, Head of School, peter@tnsatlanta.org.