

CASH Tax Preparation Program

For Professors:

The C.A.S.H. EITC program is designed to help working families improve their long-term economic well-being. The Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) is a refundable tax benefit offered by the Federal and New York State governments. The Earned Income Tax Credit is available to people who worked in 2008 and earned less than \$ 41,646. Because the EITC is a refundable credit, any amount of the credit exceeding the amount of taxes owed will be returned to you in the form of a refund. Etc.

At MCC's Center for Service-Learning, we have worked together with a number of Accounting, Business, and Economics Professors to create a sound structure for a meaningful, academically rigorous service-learning project. We have it down to a science (a social science!). These projects can be easily incorporated into syllabi of all levels. The additional effort needed for these projects is extremely minimal, especially when compared to the grand scale of its impact. For the students it will not be ANY additional work, rather it is just another way to meet a course requirement. In most cases it will be presented as an optional project, so that students who are unable to make the commitment can complete another assignment entirely.

THE PROJECT:

The success of the C.A.S.H. initiative is due largely in part to the dedication and commitment of the C.A.S.H. volunteers. You can help low-moderate income working families get, keep and grow their money.

C.A.S.H. Advisor: No experience is necessary. Students will be trained to meet with clients to determine their interest in financial programs and services, and provide information about community resources that can help improve the client's economic self-sufficiency. A 4-hour training is required for all volunteers and on-site support will be available for the first week.

OR

C.A.S.H. Tax Preparer: No Experience is necessary: You will be trained to prepare federal and NY state tax returns for C.A.S.H. clients eligible for the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) using the IRS Tax Wise software. Full training (12-16 hours) is provided and on-site support will be available. Must be comfortable working with computers

Your training hours will count toward the service-learning hour requirement. Once trained, you can make your own schedule to complete the remaining hours.

You can receive FREE tax preparation for all volunteers during the month of March!

If you're willing, you're able!