

Jessica Cogan

Jessica joined the SEO Scholars Program in March 2011 as Bay Area Regional Director.

Jessica comes to SEO from Year Up where she served as Year Up Bay Area's Senior Director of Program. In that role, she scaled the program in San Francisco from start up to a program serving 160 Bay Area young adults annually. Prior to moving out west, Jessica was part of the founding team for Year Up NYC in 2006 and oversaw Year Up NYC's academic program. Before joining Year Up, Jessica worked as a communications consultant both freelance and with global management consulting firm Towers Perrin while helping to develop a high school internship program in New York City. Jessica began working with young adults in 1996 teaching English and coaching lacrosse at Southern California colleges. She followed her passion for education to New York City in 2002 where she taught high school English in the Bronx.

Jessica grew up in the Midwest and Southern California. She earned a BA in English Literature at UC San Diego and an MA in English Literature at the University of Maryland.