

Energy, Climate and Equity Internship

College to County Intern 2023 - Office of Sustainability

Pay Rate:	\$24 per hour
Job Type:	Temporary College Intern
Duration:	Summer 2023
Hours:	20 - 40 hours a week
Location:	Remote or Hybrid In-Person at Multnomah Building - 501 SE Hawthorne Blvd, Portland OR 97214

Office of Sustainability Description:

The Multnomah County Office of Sustainability was established in 2010 to help plan, implement and coordinate the County's environmental sustainability programs. The Office of Sustainability's mission is to work with County Departments and the community to promote programs and policies that lead to a more equitable, prosperous, and environmentally sound Multnomah County. We envision a Multnomah County that is: Equitable, Livable, Healthy, Resilient, and Low-Carbon. Equity and environmental justice are core guiding principles that shape the office's approach to policy and programs.

The Office of Sustainability works with the community and County departments to develop unique partnerships that help make Multnomah County a better place to live, work, and do business. We are not only committed to a healthy planet but also firmly root our work in Multnomah County's mission to protect the most vulnerable in our community. This value shapes the way we approach sustainability, an approach based on achieving social, economic, and environmental justice.

Job Task Description:

This internship opportunity will support the Office of Sustainability with a specific project co-created based on the intern's interests and experience and the Office's needs. Potential projects could include:

- Research and write about policies and models used in other regions to advance equitable outcomes in climate and energy work.
- Research effectiveness of local urban heat island and climate resilience strategies.
- Further research into environmental justice issues and responses.
- Develop innovative and impactful communication strategies to engage new audiences in topics of environmental and energy justice.
- Research funding opportunities and preparedness resources to support community resiliency initiatives
- Support regulatory work on just energy transition

Minimum Qualifications:

- Candidates should have completed or enrolled in a college/university academic institution
- Ability to both follow directions and work independently
- Ability to work collaboratively and develop effective working relationships with diverse groups of people
- Demonstrated interest on issues related to environmental, climate, or energy justice
- Eagerness to learn new skills and subject matter

Preferred Qualifications Include Any of the Following:

- Strong writing, research, analysis skills
- Experience conducting monitoring and research in the field
- Experience in creating charts, graphs, and other figures for reports and presentations
- Experience with spreadsheets and databases to support project activities
- Experience analyzing the impacts of potential policy decisions
- Experience with environmental policy and law
- Experience developing effective marketing/communication messages/strategies
- Lived experience that brings new perspective to sustainability work

COVID-19 Vaccination Requirement: To protect the health of the community and employees, Multnomah County requires employees to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 or have an approved medical or religious exception as a qualification of employment.

The rule applies to all employees, as allowable by law. Candidates who receive an offer of County employment must provide proof of vaccination upon hire or submit an exception request prior to their start date.

Veterans' Preference:

Under Oregon Law, qualifying veterans may apply for veterans' preference for this recruitment. Review our veterans' preference website for details about eligibility and how to apply.

For veterans qualified for Veterans' Preference: If you believe you have skills that would transfer well to this position and/or special qualifications that relate to this position, please list those skills and/or qualifications in the box below. Clearly explain how those skills and/or qualifications apply.

Application Instructions:

Please fill out and submit an application for this position through the form provided. Also located on this [website](#). The deadline for submitting an online application is April 2, 2023.