CIVIC SUSTAINABILITY FELLOW WORK-STUDY INTERNSHIP

Department: Energy Coordinating Agency  
Title: Civic Sustainability Fellow  
Type: Summer internship, 40 hours/week, 8 weeks during Summer 2021  
Contact: sustainability@upenn.edu

Civic Sustainability Fellows Program Overview

Penn’s Climate and Sustainability Action Plan 3.0 has an explicit goal to “support the City’s regional sustainability objectives and provide professional development and real-world learning opportunities to Penn students.” Penn’s Civic Sustainability Fellows program addresses this goal by placing undergraduate and graduate research interns in summer jobs with city agencies and non-profit organizations focused on sustainability and social equity. Penn Sustainability provides financial support for internships, and selected academic departments at Penn manage the interns. At the end of their summer internships, the students, along with their supervisor(s) in the partner organization, will present an overview of their work over the summer, what they learned in their positions, and how the projects they worked on can tie back to Penn’s campus sustainability initiatives. Various staff within Facilities and Real Estate Services will serve as points of contact for the intern throughout the duration of the program to help the intern link their work to the office to similar work happening on Penn’s campus.

Energy Coordinating Agency + Position Overview

This position is for the Energy Coordinating Agency (ECA). The student will be working with ECA’s Executive Director and other staff to research expanding the ECA’s presence in West Philadelphia, specifically with regard to a weatherization campaign for West Philadelphia homes. The intern will primarily conduct research and work to put together a weatherization program proposal, incorporating Netter Center-sponsored ABCS courses and lesson plans to teach high school students about issues of energy and climate. Other projects will be assigned as needed.

Requirements and Qualifications:

- Current undergraduate or graduate work-study eligible student at the University of Pennsylvania
- Have a demonstrated interest in energy, sustainability, climate change, and/or other relevant topics
- Must be able to work independently with minimal supervision, but also be able to collaborate with others as necessary
- Strong written, verbal, and interpersonal skills
- Project management and research experience
- Detail oriented and organized

Details:

One (1) position available for 40 hours/week for 8 weeks in Summer 2021 (June 7 – July 30)

- $14.00 per hour for undergraduate students; $17.00 per hour for graduate students
- Applications due Wednesday, March 31 and will be reviewed on a rolling basis

Students must have work-study award capable of meeting the required hours for the position.

Contact Information:

Interested students should send a cover letter and resume/CV to Elizabeth Main at sustainability@upenn.edu.