



Graduate Sustainability Internship – Strategic Waste Summer 2022

Summary:

Graduate Interns support the University's sustainability programs and work towards goals within the Climate and Sustainability Action Plan 3.0. Interns will work closely with the Sustainability Office and assist in the coordination of outreach programs, strategic marketing and education initiatives, and operational research projects.

Summer internships with Penn's Sustainability Office are designed to give students exposure to a broad cross-section of the sustainability field, and in addition to managing hands-on projects and conducting research assignments, students will also be given many opportunities to learn throughout their experience. Interns will be asked to help with a host of programs and projects over the summer and will gain valuable skills in program management, event facilitation, marketing strategy, virtual stakeholder engagement, sustainability research, and more.

Requirements:

- Familiarity and general knowledge of broad issues pertaining to environmental sustainability, particularly around waste diversion, recycling, and compost
- Strong writing, communication, and program coordination skills
- Prior experience leading peers in student organizations
- Strong interpersonal skills with ability to work well independently and in teams
- Familiarity with sustainability community and programs at Penn preferred
- Ability to research and compile information succinctly in reports

Potential projects/Responsibilities:

- Communications and outreach for Penn's Zero Waste Partnership to promote recycling education to Penn employees that live in Philly
- Research and strategy around waste reduction initiatives including reducing single use plastic, campus waste precincts, improved diversion rates, and more
- Provide research support, gather and synthesize metrics, or write reports for work related to Penn's [Environmental Sustainability Advisory Committee](#) (ESAC) and the University's *Climate and Sustainability Action Plan 3.0* on topics such as stormwater, energy efficiency, waste and recycling, and transportation
- Assist in developing curriculum and content for [Student Eco-Reps Program](#) as it pertains to waste diversion, recycling, and compost

Details:

1 position available for Summer 2022

\$17.00 per hour / 40 hours per week

Applications due Wednesday, March 30 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 Natalie Walker at

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