

2018 SUSTAINABILITY SUMMER INTERN

The City of Columbus is located approximately 40 miles south of Indianapolis and 30 miles northeast of Bloomington. It is the corporate headquarters of Cummins Inc, a Fortune 400 company, and has a population of 46,000. Columbus has the highest concentration of mechanical engineers per capita in the country and is known for its ethnic diversity with 59 distinct languages spoken in the public schools. It is a mecca for modern architecture, having been recognized as the sixth most architecturally significant city in the United States by the American Institute of Architects.

JOB DESCRIPTION

The sustainability summer intern will be responsible for researching sustainability issues and benchmarking best practices for cities similar to Columbus, suggesting initiatives that could be implemented by the City, noting the environmental impact and the cost of implementation (cost/benefit analysis), as well as assisting in drafting an energy conservation policy.

POSITION RESPONSIBILITIES

Core Responsibilities include:

- Review items on the STAR community assessment or a similar tool to establish benchmarks and recommend areas of low hanging fruit for immediate implementation
- Research and compare initiatives for environmental impact and suggest a clearly defined action plan with measurable goals over the next five years
- Analyze utility, recycling, and waste reduction measures to reduce the City's carbon footprint
- Although focused on actions to be undertaken by the City, potentially suggest community outreach measures for community-wide impact
- Research and assist in drafting the City's first Sustainability Policy

QUALIFICATIONS

The desired applicant will be pursuing a Bachelor's or Master's degree in Environmental Science, Public Affairs, or a similar field. Must be familiar with Microsoft Suite (Word, Excel, Outlook, etc). Knowledge of program evaluation methods (cost-benefit analysis, statistical analysis, etc.) is also beneficial as well as familiarity with the STAR (Sustainability Tools for Assessing and Rating Communities) assessment. The applicant must be able to communicate effectively in oral and written formats.

COMPENSATION

Compensation will be in the form of a stipend through the Indiana Sustainability Development Program. The intern will work full time Monday – Friday for 10 weeks, beginning May 29 and ending August 3, unless otherwise negotiated. Interns will be required to attend a bootcamp from May 14 to May 18, 2018.

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

To apply for this position, email a resume and cover letter indicating the ISDP position(s) to which you are applying to isd@indiana.edu. If you have questions about the program or any of the jobs available, email ISDP at isd@indiana.edu. The application deadline is Feb. 28, 2018.