

About Earth Charter Indiana and our Resilient Indiana program:

Earth Charter Indiana is a statewide non-profit, founded in 2001, dedicated to advancing a peaceful, just and livable planet for all. Our main focus is on climate change intergenerational education and action, in a program we call Resilient Indiana. Resilient Indiana works directly with mayors and other municipal officials to:

- 1) assess climate change's impact on cities
- 2) agree to a learning collaborative process where cities confer and collaborate to establish resiliency plans.

Earth Charter Indiana will lead the discussion and advance the collaborative work between cities. Our goal is to have at least 20 cities in Indiana with — or working on — a climate action or climate resiliency plan by 2020. The opportunities are vast to create green jobs and more vibrant communities while protecting citizens, but we need to act quickly before time runs out. At present, no cities in Indiana have a climate action plan.

Last September, ECI hosted our Second Annual Climate Leadership Summit, gathering over a 17 cities and 8 mayors from around Indiana to discuss climate change and the need for resiliency plans. Over 150 attended, including public health officials, environmental activists, business leaders, youth, and climate scientists. We are planning a Third Climate Leadership Summit for Fall 2018.

In three Indiana cities, youth-led Climate Recovery Resolutions have been passed by city council and signed by their mayors. We plan to pass more Resolutions, while building community partnerships and intergenerational capacity to steer cities toward long term thinking in the face of the climate crisis.

Position:

- Assist in the development of our Resilient Indiana program, including:
 - research for, construction, and maintenance of an online toolkit to share with cities, residents, and organizations;
 - connecting with city staff and mayoral offices to identify successes, opportunities, and challenges;
 - performing evaluations of how our digital and human resources are helping our municipal partners, including troubleshooting our websites
 - planning and executing the 3rd Annual Climate Leadership Summit.
- The ideal candidate will be adept at program and economic analysis, able to communicate effectively with diverse groups and have a passion for creating a sustainable future for Indiana.
- Intern will report to ECI Executive Director Jim Poyser, and work with RI state coordinator John Gibson and other ECI staff and board members, including Shannon Anderson and Rosemary Spalding.

Expectations:

- An understanding of the basic functions of municipal government and how they are provided, including knowledge of municipal infrastructure.
- A basic understanding of climate change impacts on Indiana cities, towns, and residents
- An interest in public policy and policy implementation process.
- A career trajectory in urban sustainability and/or politics.
- Ability to travel to other areas of Indiana, on own if necessary.
- Some familiarity with technical writing.

Compensation and timing:

- Compensation will be in the form of a stipend through the Indiana Sustainability Development Program.
- The intern will work full time (35 to 40 hours week) for 10 to 12 weeks from late May to late August. Exact beginning and end dates are negotiable.
- Interns will be required to attend a bootcamp on the IU Bloomington campus from May 14 to 18.

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