



## **Indiana University Sustainability Development Program (ISDP) 2019 Internship Job Description**

### **Position Summary**

The intern will be placed in the Portage Midtown Sustainability and Innovation Studio located in the Near Northwest Neighborhood of South Bend, Indiana. Portage Midtown is a Sustainable Neighborhood Development Demonstration Project being carried out in collaboration with New Energy Homes. The goals of the project are to demonstrate how the principles of sustainability and the triple bottom line can be incorporated into neighborhood redevelopment and revitalization, new construction, and renovation. To do this we are incorporating a variety of platforms, principles, and innovations into our project. These include the Framework for Strategic Sustainable Development, Just Sustainabilities and Sharing Cities, net zero building systems, placemaking, public art, permaculture and native landscaping, pedestrian centered design and multimodal transportation.

The intern will be responsible for developing and taking the lead on projects of her/his interest that support the goals of Portage Midtown, contribute ongoing sustainability initiatives, and assist in neighborhood outreach and community building.

### **Duties will depend on interns skill set and expertise but may include:**

- Planning and implementation of a green alley project
- Creation and installation of a butterfly garden
- Development of a template for edible landscaping
- Creation of a social media program
- Research, writing, and public presentations
- Documentation of energy savings and carbon reduction
- Creation of sustainability metrics with which to evaluate Portage Midtown
- Permaculture demonstration project
- Design and installation of a rain garden
- Attend a 3-4 day boot camp mid-May 2019

### **Qualifications:**

- Passion to contribute to a sustainable future
- Experience and/or coursework in sustainability studies
- Effective verbal and written communication skills
- Self-motivated and directing
- Able to work well with others

### **Compensation**

Compensation will be in the form of a stipend through the Indiana Sustainability Development Program. The intern will work full time for 10 weeks, beginning June 3 and ending August 9.

### **Feedback and evaluation**

The intern will work closely with and be given regular feedback from Mike Keen, Principal of Thrive Michiana. Success in the internship will be determined by the creation, contribution to, and completion of projects and activities pertaining to the goals of Portage Midtown. The intern will learn how to synthesize various principles and platforms of sustainability into concrete projects that contribute to and catalyze triple bottom line neighborhood development.

### **Application Instructions**

To apply for this position complete an application on the Sustain IU website. If you have questions about the program or any of the jobs available, email ISDP at [isdip@indiana.edu](mailto:isdip@indiana.edu). Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis (first come, first serve) until all positions are filled; the final application deadline is Feb. 28, 2019.