

URBAN ECOLOGY



Summer Urban Design Intern Needed

Urban Ecology, a San Francisco Bay Area non-profit, believes that vibrant neighborhoods are the building blocks of healthy cities and sustainable regions. We envision an environmentally sound and socially just Bay Area in which low-income urban neighborhoods become thriving communities that offer a range of jobs, a mix of housing types, different kinds of open spaces and choices for transportation. For more information, please see www.urbanecology.org.

Job Description:

Urban Ecology seeks a resourceful and creative **Urban Design Intern** to assist with various planning, design, and research projects. In this summer-long position, the intern will work under our Community Design Director on hand or computer drawing, basic GIS mapping, on-site photography, research, and graphic layouts of drawings and maps for presentation.

The work will focus on the development of community spaces, including child care centers, clinics, community centers, streetscapes, and housing. The intern's work will focus on several tools that Urban Ecology is currently developing to promote:

- ⊙ adaptive re-use of historic structures, such as school buildings, for community facilities or housing,
- ⊙ planning and design tools to facilitate conditional use permits for community facilities and affordable housing, and
- ⊙ resources for promoting sustainable neighborhoods.

The work on these projects will include research, site analysis and conceptual graphic representations. In addition, interns, like all employees, are also expected to undertake a small number of more general office or administrative tasks over the course of their employment. It is expected that this non-project work will occupy less than 20% of the intern's time, and will expose the intern to several aspects of the day-to-day operations of a not-for-profit organization.

Skills and Qualifications:

The successful candidate will:

- ⊙ be enrolled in a degree program in architecture, urban design, or city planning with a design concentration or background,
- ⊙ have successfully completed at least two semester design studios in architecture, landscape architecture, or urban design,
- ⊙ be comfortable working with people from diverse, low-income communities, and
- ⊙ have hand drawing or sketching proficiency, as well experience with AutoCAD, Photoshop, InDesign, or ArcView GIS software.

In addition, the following characteristics would be very valuable:

- ⊙ knowledge of state and local policies such as zoning regulations and affordable housing subsidies,
- ⊙ familiarity with gentrification, traffic calming, energy efficiency, and other issues facing Bay Area communities, and
- ⊙ Spanish, Cantonese, Vietnamese or other language skills.

Logistics:

The position will last up to 12 weeks, beginning on or after May 30. Pay rates are as follows:

	With federal work-study	Without work-study subsidy
Current graduate student	\$20/hour	\$18/hour
Current undergraduate student	\$16/hour	\$14/hour

Students need to confirm their own work-study eligibility with their university's financial aid office. The internship is for a standard 35-hour workweek. Our offices are fully accessible, and located in downtown San Francisco, at the Montgomery Street BART Station.

Please submit:

- ⊙ A cover letter, or statement of interest in the position,
- ⊙ A resume, and
- ⊙ Three to five pages (8.5 x 11) of samples of work that demonstrates your facility with communication of design ideas.

Please submit the above listed items to:

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