



THE UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA

Mel & Enid Zuckerman College of Public Health

Organization Name:

WEST Environmental Justice Center

Organization Background:

The mission of the WEST Environmental Justice Center is to work as authentic partners with communities towards environmental and energy justice by being a one-stop shop for hands-on technical assistance, multi-faceted training, and other eligible forms of assistance, resources, and support to program participants. The Center was funded in summer 2023 and is led by Dr. Paloma Beamer. It is based at the University of Arizona but will collaborate with partners in Arizona, Nevada, California, Hawai'i, and the US Affiliated Pacific Islands to help communities in those areas reach goals of environmental and energy justice.

Internship Project Title

Environmental, Energy, or Climate Justice Internship

Project Description:

WEST Environmental Justice Center will work directly with a wide array of partners in Arizona, Nevada, California, Hawai'i, and the US Affiliated Pacific Islands to help communities reach goals of environmental and energy justice. This internship will support staff as they assist the community and partners in a range of ways. This may include but is not limited to: researching funding and energy justice opportunities, developing online trainings, developing air monitor use protocols, and other related tasks. Interns will be trained as needed to complete these and other activities that directly help communities impacted by environmental, energy, and climate justice concerns. The intern will primarily work with the program coordinator, environmental health/GIS specialist, the grants manager, and the associate director.

Internship project keywords (check all that apply).

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| ☒ Health Disparities | ☐ Tobacco Use |
| ☐ Public Health Preparedness | ☐ Injury/Violence Prevention |
| ☒ Collaborations with Community | ☐ Immunization |
| ☒ Collaborations with University | ☐ Infectious Disease |
| ☐ Community health service | ☐ Oral Health |
| ☐ Physical Activity | ☐ Evaluation |
| ☐ Substance Abuse | ☐ Policy Development |
| ☐ Mental Health | ☐ Program Planning |
| ☐ Access to care | ☐ Data Analysis |
| ☐ Nutrition | ☒ Other Environmental and energy justice |
| ☐ Reproductive/Sexual Health | |
| ☒ Environmental Health | |
| ☐ Maternal/Infant Health | |

When: When do you want the work done? Check all that apply.

☐ Fall Semester

☐ Spring Semester

☐ Summer Term

☒ I want this listing to remain active indefinitely and we will accept applications from students for any upcoming semester.

☐ This listing is only for a specific semester/term: _____

Where:

Organization Mailing Address: 1656 E. Mabel St., Room 116, Tucson, AZ

Address where Student will work (if different from above): *Click or tap here to enter text.*

☒ Check here if the student may have the option to work remotely from a site not listed above for all or part of this project.

Student Characteristics:

The ideal student will have an interest or background in environmental health and/or environmental, energy, or justice. They should be detail oriented and have interest in learning about new topics and skills related to the project. Fluency in Spanish is preferred but not required.

Level of Expertise Needed: Do you wish to request an MPH program intern or an undergraduate public health program intern?

Undergraduate: The internship for undergraduates should provide an experience that allows students to incorporate classroom learning into public health practice.

Graduate: Applied experiences for graduate students should require application of advanced knowledge and skills to the solution of health problems and the production of at least two agency-based deliverables.

Both experiences prepare students for future employment.

☐ MPH

☒ Undergraduate

☒ Either

Supervision

Nathan Lothrop, PhD

Assistant Research Professor, MEZCOPH, and Associate Director, WEST EJ Center

Compensation/Benefits/Professional Development

There is no compensation for this internship.

Application Contact Information

Interested interns should email Dr. Lothrop (lothrop@arizona.edu) with the subject line "WEST Environmental Justice Center Internship" and include their resume/CV and one paragraph explaining why they are interested in the position.