



Pima County Department of Environmental Quality Internship Opportunity for Students of the University of Arizona

Organization Name:

Pima County Department of Environmental Quality (PDEQ), Public Outreach & Education Division.

Organization Background:

Pima County Department of Environmental Quality (PDEQ) is a regulatory agency serving Pima County by protecting public health and the environment. PDEQ operates programs that monitor air and water quality, hazardous waste, solid waste, and promotes waste minimization, and pollution prevention. PDEQ also provides public outreach and education, processes environmental permits, and responds to public complaints and inquiries with investigations and enforcement.

Internship Project Title

Environmental Outreach and Education Activities and Project Development

Project Description:

Interns will assist PDEQ with developing and enhancing public health outreach and education programs or campaigns regarding air quality. Projects can include: research and development; creating information or activity sheets; developing engaging activities, a short video, or displays to interact with Tucson's culturally-diverse community while learning about air quality issues, or provide special services for new projects that may be developed in accordance with the unique skillset the intern possesses.

Work will mostly be with Clean Air Program staff, however, interns are encouraged to interact with staff from other divisions, such as compliance and enforcement, monitoring, water and permitting programs. Interns may accompany staff during outreach events or site inspections as appropriate and available.

Specialized skills required:

- Experience with computer programs including internet searches and use of Microsoft Word, PowerPoint, Publisher and Excel.
- Ability to interact well with professionals and the public.

Internship project keywords

Health Disparities
Public Health Preparedness
Collaborations with Community

Community health service
Environmental Health
Program Planning

When:

We will accept applications from students for any upcoming semester (fall, spring and summer).

Where:

PDEQ 33 N. Stone Ave., Suite 700, Tucson, AZ 85701-1429

Much of the tasks shall be performed in a professional office setting in downtown Tucson. Off-site work may be conducted within the local community at locations such as schools, neighborhood parks, or businesses accompanied by PDEQ staff.

Student Characteristics:

Dependable; detail-oriented; demonstrates initiative in pursuing tasks, identifying resources and requesting assistance as needed; ability to analyze information and highlight the most important aspects related to reaching the public and protecting public health; comfortable speaking with the public. Creative problem-solving talents helpful.

Level of Expertise Needed:

Looking for a student intern at both the Undergraduate and MPH levels

Supervision

One of the following staff will provide direct supervision:

Karen Wilhelmsen: Community Education Manager, Outreach & Education Division. Employed at PDEQ Clean Air Program since 1999. Bachelor of Arts in Fine Arts and Bachelor of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies incorporating Environmental Sciences, Marketing and Fine Arts, University of Arizona.

Skye Siegel: Community Outreach Coordinator, Outreach & Education Division. Employed at PDEQ Clean Air, Water and Waste programs since 2011. Bachelor of Landscape Architecture at SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry, Syracuse University; Master of Public Horticulture Administration from University of Delaware, Candidate for Community Health Advisor Certificate, Pima Community College.

Compensation/Benefits

Services rendered by student interns are educational in nature, and therefore, no monetary compensation shall be paid by PDEQ. Any salary, stipend, and/or benefits, due an intern shall be the sole responsibility of the University of Arizona.

Students may be credited on product produced as appropriate.

Application Contact Information

Applications can be requested and sent to karen.wilhelmsen@pima.gov or mailed to:

Karen Wilhelmsen
Pima County Department of Environmental Quality
33 North Stone Ave., Suite 700
Tucson, AZ 85701

Résumés may be submitted with completed application.

Questions? (520) 724-7449, or karen.wilhelmsen@pima.gov.