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McKinney Climate Fellows and Resilience Cohort Programs 2022 Climate Action Planning Intern – City of La Porte, Indiana

Who We Are

The City of La Porte is a community surrounded by lakes and dedicated to outdoor recreation while fostering a vibrant downtown for businesses and remote workers. La Porte's Office of Engineering Sustainability Program supports the City's efforts in planning and implementing quality of life projects throughout the City. With guidance and support from IU ERI and ICLEI, the Office of Engineering Sustainability Program completed the City's first Greenhouse Gas Emissions Inventory in 2021. This data will help inform our next steps toward a more resilient community as we develop our City of La Porte Climate Action Plan. It is in the spirit of building resiliency, preparing for risks the City may face as a result of climate change, and identifying areas of vulnerability that we are seeking a McKinney Climate Fellow to assist in the development of the City of La Porte Climate Action Plan.

Project Summary

The City of La Porte seeks a highly motivated student to assist with the development of a community-wide climate action plan in the summer of 2022. Completing a climate action plan will provide La Porte with a strategy for reducing greenhouse gas emissions and adapting to climate change impacts.

The intern will work with the Office of Engineering Sustainability Program Manager, which is a participant in the Indiana University Environmental Resilience Institute's Resilience Cohort. The successful candidate will receive on-the-job training from ICLEI-Local Governments for Sustainability on how to analyze the results of a greenhouse gas inventory using ClearPath – a cloud-based inventory software, develop strategies to reduce emissions, and coordinate a climate action planning process. The intern will also develop technical and project management skills beneficial to a career in local government, climate science, policy, environmental management, and related fields.

Duties will include:

- Engage with community members and stakeholders to receive input and feedback
- Promote opportunities for the public to engage with plan development
- Communicate with government agencies, industries, and local government officials to develop actionable emissions reduction goals
- Utilize Microsoft Excel and ClearPath to execute moderately complex data analysis
- Synthesize inventory analysis into actionable policy and program recommendations
- Participate in regular Resilience Cohort webinars and conference calls
- Assist in drafting a climate action plan
- Assist with other sustainability projects such as Commission on Sustainability development and others depending on time and interest
- Attend the Climate Fellows virtual bootcamp training, hosted by the Environmental Resilience Institute and Sustain IU, May 16-20, 2022.
- Attend weekly (virtual) "Lunch and Learns"
- Submit weekly Canvas reports over the course of the fellowship

Qualifications

- Prior quantitative coursework or research experience, preferably in a discipline applied to sustainability such as environmental science, environmental management, engineering, chemistry, environmental economics, or a related field



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- Experience manipulating data using spreadsheets
- Experience summarizing research in reports and presentations
- Ability to follow detailed and technical instructions
- Enthusiastic about greenhouse gas management and reduction
- Effective written communication, especially for a public audience
- Exemplary verbal communication, including speaking publicly
- Self-motivated, proactive, and flexible with careful attention to detail
- Ability to prioritize and manage multiple ongoing tasks
- Experience coordinating events
- Equity mindset and an understanding of diversity, equity, an inclusion in climate work is preferred

Preferred Skills

- Experience in evaluating the environmental impact of products, activities, and systems
- Experience creating professional reports

Feedback and evaluation

The Fellow will be given regular feedback from staff on progress and performance. Success in the fellowship will be determined by the completion of specified projects in a professional and timely manner. The Fellow should learn how this organization identifies its sustainability priorities, effective principles of communication, and how to develop and maintain professional relationships.

Compensation

Compensation will be in the form of a scholarship through the Environmental Resilience Institute. The Fellow will work full time for 10 weeks, beginning approximately May 23, 2022 and ending July 29, 2022.

Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

The McKinney Climate Fellows and Resilience Cohort Programs support the continual advancement and development of diverse, inclusive and equitable spaces. Indiana climate change solutions should be equitable in implementation, and projects with equity considerations are encouraged to reduce climate change impacts on marginalized communities in the state.

Application Process

To apply for this position, complete an application on the Environmental Resilience Institute's website. If you have questions about the program or any of the positions available, email Matt Flaherty, ERI's Implementation Manager at flahertm@iu.edu. Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis (first come, first serve) until Monday, February 14, 2022.