Fall Internship at the Office of Planning and Research

About the Internship: The Governor’s Office of Planning and Research (OPR) is looking for fall and winter interns. The interns will work closely with OPR staff on a variety of projects related to land use and the environment. Interns will have a hands-on opportunity to learn more about State government and policy development. The interns will gain skills and experience in policy research, local government outreach, interagency coordination, land use planning, and more.

About OPR: State planning law establishes OPR as the comprehensive state planning agency. OPR is responsible for formulating long-range goals and policies for land use, population growth and distribution, urban expansion, development and resource protection. All of these responsibilities shape statewide development patterns and influence the quality of the State’s environment.

Potential Intern Projects:
- General Plan Guidelines (GPGs) Update: The student intern will help to identify the latest policies, implementation measures, and case studies related to climate change, environmental justice, complete streets, and renewable energy. The student will also help with public outreach.
- Water, energy, and land use research: Research, collate, and calculate water-energy data and information, develop communication materials, facilitate water-energy social media efforts, reach out to and build relationships with NGOs, water agencies, energy utilities and others to promote the water-energy messaging.
- Drought, water, and groundwater research and policy: Maintain a database of contacts and notes on any contact-specific follow-up, provide research and logistical support for Drought Task Force visits, collaborate with interagency efforts around drought, identify grant writing assistance for local governments, work with interagency efforts on domestic wells and connection systems.

General Qualifications: Team player, self-driven, strong verbal and written communication skills, data collection and analytical skills, administrative skills, understanding of environmental, water, energy, and land use policy, experience with legislative analysis, an interest in environmental planning and climate change, experience with modeling/GIS/mapping tools. Preferred skills: graphic design, web design, programming, multimedia skills.

Compensation: OPR can work with the intern and their college to help them receive school credit for the internship. OPR will not be able to provide financial compensation. Interns are encouraged to explore outside funding opportunities.

Logistics: Interns are expected to work 20 hours a week from September to December 2014. The start and end date of the internship is flexible. The internships will be in Sacramento. Housing is not provided. Discounted public transportation passes may be purchased through OPR.

How to Apply: Please send a cover letter and resume to Scott.Morgan@opr.ca.gov and Carolyn.Angius@opr.ca.gov no later than 12:00 p.m. Wednesday July 30, 2014.