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Spring 2016 Internship, Governor's Office of Planning and Research & Strategic Growth Council

About the Internship: The Governor's Office of Planning and Research (OPR) is looking for interns for the spring 2016 term. The interns will work closely with OPR & SGC 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. The Strategic Growth Council (SGC) is housed within OPR and Chaired by the OPR Director. SGC is responsible for implementation of the Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities Grants, development of the 5 Year Infrastructure Plan, assisting the High Speed Rail Authority with local planning issues, and a variety of cross agency coordination.

Example Intern Projects:

- Local planning and best practices case studies: The student intern will help to identify the latest policies and most successful implementation measures related to climate change, environmental justice, complete streets, renewable energy, and more. The student may also conduct public outreach and develop case studies of best practices to help OPR support local governments in adopting and implementing policies for climate resiliency and updating their General Plans, Climate Action Plans, and other planning documents.
- International climate change policy: The student intern will help coordinate OPR's outreach to subnational entities, including states and provinces, around the globe to enter an international agreement to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. The student intern may help coordinate outreach and communication, conduct research about greenhouse gas emission reduction strategies for specific states and provinces, and more.
- Strategic Growth Council (SGC): The student intern with the SGC will support public outreach and administration of the Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities (AHSC) grant, help implement Integrated Regional Mitigation Planning, and assist with local planning for High Speed Rail (HSR).
- Others: Intern projects can be tailored to the intern's specific areas of interest.

General Qualifications: Ideal candidates are self-driven and independently-motivated, have strong verbal, written communication, analytical and administrative skills, have a strong interest in environmental, water, energy, and land use policy, experience with legislative analysis, and environmental planning and climate change. Bonus skills: experience with modeling/GIS/mapping tools, graphic design, web design, programming, or 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.

Logistics: Interns are expected to work 16-20 hours a week. The start and end dates of the internship are flexible. The internships are in OPR's Sacramento office. 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 by **5:00 pm on Friday, February 19**. Qualified applicants will be invited for an interview.