

# EnergySmart Outreach Intern Alliance for a Green Economy (AGREE) Regional Internship Program: Summer 2025 Fink Career Development Program



<u>Organization Overview:</u> Alliance for a Green Economy (AGREE) -- headquartered in Syracuse, NY within the unceded territory of the Onondaga Nation and the Haudenosaunee Confederacy -- works for a just transition to 100% renewable electricity, heating, and transportation. We seek passionate and kind people who work well both independently and as part of a team, and who are ready to roll up their sleeves and get stuff done. AGREE is fiercely collaborative with other organizations and deeply committed to pursuing a renewable energy transition that is rooted in racial, economic, and social justice. Our work is focused on moving New York State off of fossil fuels and nuclear energy, driving state resources toward effective and equitable community clean energy programs, and helping residents and businesses in Central New York make their own transition to clean energy.

AGREE is one of the participating organizations in the Central New York Regional Clean Energy Hub, a project developed in partnership with other agencies and organizations in our region. As New York transitions to an inclusive, clean energy economy, all residents, businesses and communities will have opportunities to benefit from this transition including clean energy careers, improved energy affordability, home improvements, and rebates for businesses and transportation. The Central New York Clean Energy Hub will connect people to these opportunities and solutions to our region's energy affordability and housing challenges faced by disadvantaged communities.

Internship Description: Our Energy Advisors and Outreach Coordinator work as a team to reach diverse communities throughout Central New York with workshops, materials, and program opportunities. The ideal candidates for this internship are motivated, organized, dependable, problem-solvers who want to engage with community residents and businesses. The intern will assist the team in preparing for outreach at community events; connecting with audiences and stakeholders via one-on-one conversations at events; connecting people to the EnergySmart CNY campaign team members to provide accurate information on the programs. These include energy affordability programs, exercising their utility consumer rights, applying for free and reduced cost weatherization and heat pumps programs, pursuing energy and cost saving measures in their homes, subscribing to community solar, and connecting to clean energy jobs.

### Tasks may include:

- Assist in creating outreach materials for events, like printed flyers and e-blasts.
- Assist at community workshops and events, canvassing, and other grassroots outreach and popular education strategies both in person and virtually.
- Talk to community members in one-to-one and group settings about the EnergySmart Campaign.
- Conducting outreach to community organizations, local agencies, and other partners to reach members of disadvantaged communities.

## **Qualifications:**

- Experience demonstrating dependability, ability to work as part of a team, and engagement with vulnerable members of the public.
- Ability to stay organized and follow through on details in a remote working environment
- Competency with remote meeting software, word processing (such as Google Docs or Microsoft office), spreadsheets, and accurately entering data into forms

- Commitment to social and environmental justice.
- Flexible schedule some nights and weekends will be needed to hold workshops and events at times that working people can attend.
- Access to reliable transportation and an ability to transport workshop materials to events.

# Additional Desired Qualifications/Experience:

- Spanish language skills.
- Graphic design, multimedia, website, and other communications skills.
- Community connections to the region's disadvantaged communities.

# **Additional Internship Information:**

- Internship period: Approximately 10 weeks between mid-May and mid-August.
- Internship location: This is a hybrid position that requires frequent in-person presence outreach events throughout Central New York. Some team meetings will take place via Zoom or Slack.
- As a non-profit/government organization, this internship stipend is completely funded through the ESF Career Development Program (\$5,000 total stipend).

More information regarding the application process can be found online at: www.esf.edu/career-services/students/development-program