



Intern
Onondaga County Office of Environment

Regional Internship Program: Summer 2024
Fink Career Development Program



Organization Overview: The Onondaga County Office of Environment is committed to promoting sustainability, environmental stewardship, and responsible resource management in our community. The Office of Environment serves as the center for which environmental policy is formulated and implemented with the goal of lowering environmental liability and maximizing effective and efficient management of environmental challenges. Our efforts encompass a wide range of environmental policies, initiatives, and projects.

Internship Description: We are seeking a motivated and detail-oriented student intern to join our team and support our policy initiatives. This internship will provide an excellent opportunity to gain hands on experience in the field of environmental policy with a primary focus on the rewrite of our Solid Waste Management Plan (SWMP) in collaboration with the Onondaga County Resource Recovery Agency (OCCRA). Work will include some field visits, attending meetings, and work alongside professionals in the field.

- Assist in drafting and revising the SWMP extension including developing policy recommendations, goals, and strategies.
- Collaborate with OCCRA staff and relevant team members on the rewrite of the SWMP.
- Participate in stakeholder engagement and activities related to the SWMP rewrite.
- Engage in cross-functional projects that support the overall mission of the Office of Environment.
- Research and analyze policy matters related to sustainability, waste reduction, and resource management.
- Stay up to date on regulatory and infrastructure changes related to the SWMP.
- Help and prepare briefs, reports, and presentations summarizing research findings and recommendations.

Qualifications:

- Enrolled in relevant undergraduate or graduate courses (i.e., Environmental policy, Environmental studies, or a related field).
- Previous experience or course work in policy analysis and environmental studies is preferred.
- Research, analytical, and critical thinking skills.
- Effective written and verbal communication abilities.
- Ability to work independently and part of a team.
- Strong organizational skills and attention to detail.
- Strong interest in environmental policy, sustainability, and waste management.
- Familiarity with relevant policy and environmental regulation is a plus.

Additional Internship Information:

- Internship period: June- August, approximately 10 weeks
- Approximate hours per week: 33 (330 hours total)
- Internship location: 335 Montgomery St., Syracuse, NY 13202
- As a non-profit/government organization, this internship stipend is completely funded through the ESF Career Development Program; the hourly wage for this position is \$15 per hour (\$5,000 total stipend).

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