



## Intern OCRRA



Office of Career Services  
Division of Student Affairs

### *Regional Internship Program: Summer 2024 Fink Career Development Program*

**Organization Overview:** The Onondaga County Resource Recovery Agency [OCRRA] strives to make our community a healthy and sustainable place to live by working from the VISION that we will maintain a world-class waste management system that benefits our community and environment. At OCRRA our MISSION is to serve our community by providing a comprehensive solid waste management process that is sound environmentally, socially, and fiscally. We utilize innovative strategies through reduction, recycling, composting, disposal, and education.

**Internship Description:** OCRRA is seeking an enthusiastic and detail-oriented student intern to join our Recycling & Compost team in support of current 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 update of our Solid Waste Management Plan (SWMP) working closely with our partners at the Onondaga County Office of Environment. The work will include some field visits, site tours, attending meetings, and work alongside professionals in the field. Tasks may include:

- Assist in drafting our county's Solid Waste Management Plan [SWMP] as required by NYS. Building the framework for the extension including developing policy recommendations, goals, & strategies.
- Collaborate with County stakeholders and relevant team members on the rewrite of the SWMP.
- Participate in stakeholder engagement and activities related to the SWMP update.
- Engage in cross-functional projects that support the overall mission and values of OCRRA.
- Research & 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, & 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: ~10 weeks from June to mid-August
- Approximate hours per week: 33 (330 hours total)
- Internship location: 100 Elwood Davis Road, North Syracuse, NY 13212
- 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).

Interested in applying? [Regional Internship Program Application](#)