ELPC-Loyola IES Internship Program

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Rationale -

Loyola University Chicago’s Institute of Environmental Sustainability (IES) trains undergraduate students in the fields of Environmental Science and Policy, to become change-agents in the world, who will help to develop sustainable solutions to the critical environmental threats our world faces today. The Environmental Law and Policy Center (ELPC), headquartered in Chicago and directed by Howard Learner, J.D., is the region’s most highly regarded environmental law and eco-business innovation organization, which works to improve environmental quality and protect natural resources. ELPC core premise is that environmental progress and economic development can be achieved together, and ELPC puts that sustainability principle into practice. With support from the Searle Family Trust and other private supporters, we propose to fund IES students to conduct one-semester or summer internships working with public interest attorneys, M.B.A.s, and policy and communications specialists at the ELPC on Midwest environmental issues. The ELPC-Loyola IES Internship Program will provide IES students with the valuable professional experience to enrich their undergraduate education and give them an advantage on the job market when they graduate.

ELPC-Loyola IES Internship Program Description -

A maximum of 4 students will be supported at any given time, to conduct an internship at ELPC. Each student will work 10-15 hours per week for one 15-week semester (fall or spring), or for a 3-month summer period at a rate of $2,000 per semester/summer. If students are excellent interns for the ELPC, and desire to stay on longer in order to advance the project they are working on, they are eligible to apply for an extension of their internship for an additional semester or summer. The projects and/or case(s) on which the students will assist are determined by the ELPC, and are subject to change depending on their level of urgency and importance. Students are expected to develop a work schedule that allows the ELPC to know when they can rely on the student intern being present. Students will take the internship for Experiential Learning/Internship credit, and both the ELPC staff and the IES Academic Director will be involved in drafting expectations for course credit and conducting assessments of the student’s progress.
Application and Selection Process -

To be considered for these positions, students will a 1-page resume which should include pertinent courses and experiences, and a 1-page statement of purpose which outlines what they hope to do with their career, and how this internship could help them advance their goals and enrich their Loyola experience. Also, students will identify which of the following two internship slots they feel they would be most interested in and suited for. Students submit these materials to Ms. Rachel Leamon (rleamon@luc.edu) by 4 December, 2015. The applications will be reviewed by a committee of ELPC and IES faculty/staff, and the top 2 candidates will be selected.

January 2016 – May 2016 ELPC-IES Internship opportunities:

1. Diesel Project: Loyola Jr/Sr with science and policy background to assist efforts to improve monitoring of diesel pollution in Chicago (including learning to operate a monitor and training others, doing research towards the use of new sensors, big data and micromedia), and advance the implementation of best diesel construction practices. Project mentor: ELPC attorney/policy advocate Susan Mudd.

2. Loyola Jr/Sr to assist the Clean Energy and Sustainable Business team with solar power site analysis, research of clean energy companies and energy efficiency programs. The ideal candidate has an interest in and familiarity with clean energy technologies, energy efficiency, and good research, writing, and Excel skills. Project mentor: Clean Energy Finance Specialist and Research Coordinator John Paul Jewell/