



Water Policy and Research Internship Fall Semester 2017

Internships Available

The Utah Rivers Council has a Water Policy and Research Internship position available for Fall Semester 2017.

Organizational Background

The Utah Rivers Council works to protect Utah's rivers and clean water sources for citizens and wildlife. The URC has had many successes in protecting Utah's rivers and promoting water conservation throughout the years, including authoring the Water Conservation Plan Act, Utah's first water conservation law.

Water Policy & Research Intern

The Water Policy and Research Intern will assist in activities and tasks that promote the URC's programs with state and federal agencies and through local governments in an effort to protect Utah's precious rivers. Responsibilities of the intern include researching water conservation efforts across the West, engaging in public outreach through the URC's RainHarvest program, organizing and managing volunteers and volunteer projects, updating the Utah Rivers Council website, and assisting in other research efforts and outreach campaigns focused on western water policy, the Lake Powell Pipeline and the Bear River Project. The fall of 2017 will be a critical time for Utah's rivers with the Lake Powell Pipeline proponents having submitted their application for federal approval of the river diversion and legislators poised to pass legislation to fund the Bear River Project. Interns may also be asked to help represent the URC at public events and outreach opportunities from time to time.

This is an excellent opportunity for a student seeking an education on the basics of water supply, western water politics and sustainability issues in the water sector. This internship is also an introduction into the world of non-profit environmental work and an opportunity to network with professionals in the environmental field. The student will gain insight into a career with an environmental organization and gain real world experience in grassroots advocacy. Several of the URC's past interns have gone on to become staff members for the organization.

Skills Needed

Course work related to western water policy, general civics knowledge, attention to detail, independent research skills, excellent organization skills, strong computer skills, comfort with multi-tasking, effective writing and public speaking skills, and an interest in protecting the rivers of Utah!

Hours Available

9-15 hours a week are available; unpaid but class credit possible. Scheduling of hours will be regular but we are flexible according to class schedules and workload.

To apply

Send a cover letter explaining your interests and background, resume, and a short (1 to 2 page) writing sample to: Kim Howes, kim@utahrivers.org. You may also be asked to provide one to two references after you apply.