**Template for Sponsored Internship Requests, Summer 2019**

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**WRI Overview**

_World Resources Institute_ (WRI) is an independent, nonprofit global research organization that turns big ideas into action at the nexus of environment, economic opportunity and human well-being. We are working to address critical challenges that the world must overcome this decade in order to secure a sustainable future for people and the planet: climate change, energy, food, forests, water, sustainable cities, and the ocean.

_Internships at WRI_ are learning experiences designed for current students, recent graduates, or other candidates who wish to gain knowledge about a specific area of our work. We strive to attract diverse, intellectually-driven candidates who have a passion for sustainability and development. WRI provides many internship opportunities throughout the year in all our programs.

WRI is committed to advancing gender and social equity for human well-being in our mission and applies this principle to our organizational and programmatic practices.

**Cities4Forests Overview**

_Cities4Forests_ is a cross-programmatic effort – including WRI’s Water, Forests, and Cities programs – that aims to catalyze political, social, and economic support among city governments and urban citizens to integrate inner, nearby, and faraway forests into city development plans and programs. Participants share an aspiration to help reduce deforestation, restore forests and trees, and manage forests more sustainably. Cities4Forests’ goal is to amplify current best practices and extend the deliberate city-forest relationship to the global scale on which cities and forests interact. It is a voluntary coalition involving mayors’ offices— and supported by other subnational agencies such as public water utilities and offices of sustainability—from around the world. Cities4Forests encourages peer-to-peer inspiration and learning, and members receive technical support from institutions with expertise in forests, climate change, water, communications, finance, and policy.
Internship Summary

The Cities4Forests initiative seeks an Engagement Intern. You will work closely with WRI’s experts in the Water, Forests and Cities programs to help engage with city officials and implement the Cities4Forests project in member cities. This internship will specifically focus on supporting the delivery of two top outcomes: 1) engaging city leaders and partners on a global mayoral declaration that raises the ambition on nature-based solutions, and 2) engaging policymakers on a high-level guide for how cities can deliver meaningful action to increase trees, forest, and green infrastructure.

You will support the roll-out and implementation of the Cities4Forests project in our 60+ member cities in 26 countries, with considerable opportunities for high-level engagement, impactful research and exciting exposure to this new initiative. This internship will provide you with the opportunity to personally engage with other leading international development organizations, city agency officials, conservation organizations, and other key stakeholders and decision makers in the fields of environmental governance and natural resource management. See the Learning Outcomes (below) for details on specific projects.

Learning Outcomes

The intern will gain experience in the following areas:

**Developing engagement skills, and applying them to support project planning, relationship building, and to build a solid foundation for Cities4Forests city engagement [60%]**

- Support city engagement through joining regular city check-ins, strategy development calls, and specific project planning, outreach and delivery.
- Support content creation for public engagement plans, to focus on the importance of trees and forests to cities and what cities and residents can do to advance forest conservation, restoration, and sustainable management.
- Support with the drafting of opinion pieces, blogs or a blog series, PowerPoint presentations and briefings for city engagement, and interact confidently with city officials.

**Developing research skills and exposure, and applying findings to Cities4Forests strategic planning and decision-making [25%]**

- Contribute to the emerging Cities4Forests research agenda on sharing the latest scientific findings regarding cities and forests, strategic opportunities for cities to better manage trees and forests for the benefit of their residents, particular case studies and insights, and latest developments (policy and financial) in city investments in trees and forests.
- Contribute to user-engagement of Cities4Forests research, including through interviews with city officials, trainings, and other methods with city officials.

**Learning about, understanding and supporting other Cities4Forests efforts [15%]**

- Meet weekly with Cities4Forests core team, including our partner organizations and our international colleagues.
- Ad-hoc support for event planning and execution, data collection and processing, and project development, as necessary.
- There will be time and space outlined for you to focus on and accomplish a relevant project of your own desire.
Internship Qualifications

- University-sponsored: You must be a current student at the Luskin School of Public Affairs at UCLA.
- Earning a degree in environmental science/management, public policy, international development, urban development, communications, or similar.
- Experience or interest in understanding how nature-based strategies can help with environmental management, water resource management and other sustainable development challenges.
- A successful candidate will demonstrate excellent qualitative research and writing skills.
- Ability to work independently with minimal supervision and demonstrated strong work ethic.
- Ability to present complex information in a clear and concise manner.
- Ability to think creatively, and a good sense of humor.
- Flexible, able to adapt quickly, and ready to seize opportunities.
- Highly responsible and self-motivated.
- Excellent computer skills in Microsoft Office and internet research.
- Language skills (especially Spanish, Portuguese, French) are desirable.

General Internship Requirements

- Applicants must have personal health insurance coverage.
- U.S. work authorization is required for this opportunity. WRI does not sponsor interns for visas.

Compensation: University Sponsored: This position is dependent on the student receiving compensation or academic credit from their university program. WRI does not offer compensation for this internship.

Duration: This is a full-time, 12-week summer internship with start date options of May 16, June 3, or June 17, 2019, based on the student’s availability and need for the project.

How to Apply

Applicants must apply through the WRI Careers portal to be considered.

The World Resources Institute ([http://www.wri.org](http://www.wri.org)) is an environmental and development research and policy organization that creates solutions to protect the Earth and improve people’s lives. As an Equal Opportunity Employer, it is WRI’s policy to recruit, hire, and provide opportunities for advancement in all job classifications without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, citizenship, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity, parental status, protected veteran status, or disability. WRI’s global agenda requires a staff that is diverse – with respect to race, gender, cultural, and international background. Diverse perspectives and experience enhance the way WRI selects and approaches issues, as well as the creativity and applicability of WRI’s policy research and analysis. WRI, therefore, encourages applications from U.S. minorities, persons from other countries (especially developing nations), and from women of all backgrounds.