



Research Internship Opportunities

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to build international movements for social justice and sustainability

We're looking for ten student interns for fall, winter, and/or spring quarters to help establish **'Research Working Groups'** in these topic areas:

- Human Rights
- Climate Justice
- Women's Rights
- Agroecology
- Earth Trusteeship
- Health
- And more

Who? You! Our cohort of UCSC students will collaborate with students in the Right Livelihood International Student Network and our 200 Right Livelihood Laureates from 75 countries.

What? This is an unpaid internship, 5-10 hours per week.

When? Ideally, all 3 quarters - fall, winter, and spring - but joining for 1 quarter is fine.

Why? Build your resume, practice leadership skills, and make meaningful contributions while meeting an amazing group of world-class changemakers and international students. A better world is possible. UCSC is the Global Secretariat of the Right Livelihood College network. This means we are the coordinator of a vast international network whose mission is to connect activism and academia. Let's leverage that unique and exceptional role in service of people and the planet.

Where? Most meetings will occur at the Right Livelihood Center office at Oakes College.

How to get credit? We are listed with the Environmental Studies Internship Program for 2- or 5-unit internships. Also, you can earn credit through other college internships, service learning, field study courses, and Community Studies.

Responsibilities?

- Attendance at weekly core team meetings, 90-minutes/week
- Co-hosting and co-facilitating a weekly or biweekly working group meeting with students, faculty, and Laureates
- Attendance at Int'l student network meetings, 90 minutes every 8 weeks

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Right Livelihood Center at UCSC offers student interns a unique opportunity to play an active role in establishing international research groups in collaboration with successful change-makers in Human Rights, Climate Justice, Agroecology, Women's Rights, Ecological Stewardship, and Health. Volunteer interns will gain valuable experience as they help coordinate and participate in research projects with international students from the Right Livelihood Student Network based in 9 countries across 5 continents while collaborating with recipients of the Right Livelihood Award, and UCSC faculty.

The prestigious Right Livelihood Award is popularly known as the 'Alternative Nobel Prize'. Given annually since 1980, the award recognizes 4 individuals or organizations for their outstanding achievements in the areas of social justice and sustainability. As such, the winners of this award represent a brain trust of proven strategic organizing knowledge, policy implementation, and actionable research. By establishing an international network of affiliated colleges, Right Livelihood seeks to facilitate the implementation of these proven strategies in contemporary areas of concern to its student partners and their communities. By engaging in actionable research with Right Livelihood Laureates, international partners, and UCSC faculty, students will foster global solidarities while addressing areas of critical need and concern to citizens and policy advocates. Members of the Right Livelihood International Student Network believe such collaborative efforts can, and often do yield tangible results because the Laureates themselves represent proof of concept.

The 10 students selected for this volunteer/unpaid internship will be able to tell prospective employers and graduate studies administrators they played a role in establishing a network of international student researchers working across multiple countries in collaboration with some of the world's most well-recognized social change makers, environmental policy advocates, and community organizers.

Unpaid volunteer interns will commit 5-10 hours a week, attend weekly meetings with the RLC student org or bi-weekly research pod meetings (TBD). Student interns will co-facilitate the bi-weekly working group meetings in collaboration with international student partners, faculty, and RL laureates when in attendance. This will include undergrad collaboration in facilitating and implementing research design. This internship will run from the fall quarter through spring, but a one-quarter commitment would be accepted. Meetings will take place at our office at Oakes College or by Zoom.

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RLC's core team of undergrads, faculty advisors, and international student partners look forward to creating with you in our effort to establish solution-based international solidarities that address issues in your area of interest.