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## The William K. Reilly Fund for Environmental Leadership Internship

*Spring 2024*

The Center for Environmental Policy (CEP) is pleased to announce paid internship opportunities for SPA undergraduate juniors and seniors as well as MPA/MPP students for Spring 2024. Students may choose to apply for a placement with one or more of the non-profit organizations described below. Note that because of funding sources, the pay and requirements for each may differ and are described below.

Applicants will be required to work 15-24 hours per week during the spring semester (January 17-May 12, 2024) during business hours, to be determined in consultation with the host organization. Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis, with all applications due by Friday, **November 17, 2023** (new deadline!). To apply, please complete the information requested [here](#) and submit your resume, two writing samples and direct any questions to [djmwagner@american.edu](mailto:djmwagner@american.edu).

### **American Rivers Clean Water Intern**

**(Hybrid with min 2 days/week in the office, \$3,500 per semester/197 total hours)**

American Rivers is championing a national effort to protect and restore all rivers, from remote mountain streams to urban waterways. Healthy rivers provide people and nature with clean, abundant water and natural habitat. For 50 years, American Rivers staff, supporters, and partners have shared a common belief: Life Depends on Rivers.

American Rivers seeks a Clean Water Intern to work with the Senior Director, Clean Water Supply, in helping oversee the GIS work identifying stormwater polluted rivers and streams.

Sixty percent of the water pollution dumped in U.S. rivers and streams is the result of rainstorms washing pollution into them - oil, trash, sewage, fertilizers, etc. Urban stormwater runoff is responsible for about 47% of pathogens in urban rivers and streams while the remaining come from sewage overflows that result from more intense rain falls and crumbling pipes. These

pollutants harm people who come into contact with the water, kills fish and drives other wildlife out of these rivers and streams.

The more climate changes, the more intense storms become, creating more water pollution. Cities contribute close to 70% of carbon emissions, through electricity usage, transportation and other sources. No city's climate plan is complete without an effective stormwater plan. Our goal is to identify 10 U.S. cities that would be good candidates for working with American Rivers to create stronger stormwater policies that align with their climate plans.

Responsibilities:

- Research different city climate plans to identify if stormwater has been incorporated. Work with
- GIS consultant to identify urban streams and rivers most impacted by stormwater pollution.
- Participation in Clean Water Supply Program meetings and relevant NGO coalition and agency meetings as they are scheduled.
- Final product will be the development of a report listing cities that have stormwater permitting programs that are integrated with their climate plans.

Desired Qualifications:

- Strong research and writing skills.
- Basic knowledge of GIS is helpful, but not required.
- The ideal candidate will have enthusiasm and deep curiosity, an affinity for collaboration and critical thinking.

### **Chesapeake Conservancy—Government Affairs Intern**

**(Hybrid with in-person in Annapolis, MD, \$3,500 per semester/197 total hours)**

Chesapeake Conservancy seeks a government affairs intern to support our policy and legislative agenda at the national level and the state and local level in the Chesapeake Bay watershed (portions of New York, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Virginia, Delaware, West Virginia and all of Washington, D.C.).

Responsibilities:

- Research and track a selective number of federal, state and/or local bills
- Help draft letters and correspondence to elected officials, talking points, policy memos, press statements and social media posts
- Support scheduling and attend (if available) meetings (virtual and/or in person) with elected and other government officials
- Represent Chesapeake Conservancy by attending coalition meetings with other nonprofits and stakeholders

Chesapeake Conservancy is a non-profit organization based in Annapolis, Maryland, dedicated to ensuring a healthier Chesapeake Bay watershed where fish and wildlife thrive, with healthy waters and abundant forests, wetlands, shorelines, and open spaces. With the human

population in the Chesapeake watershed approaching 18 million and growing and tens of thousands of acres of open space vanishing each year, the Chesapeake Conservancy works to connect people with the Chesapeake's wildlife and history, conserve landscapes and rivers and restore the region's natural resources. Chesapeake Conservancy works in close partnership with the Bureau of Land Management, the National Park Service, the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, other federal, state and local agencies, private foundations and corporations to advance conservation. Chesapeake Conservancy commits ourselves to Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Justice both in our programmatic priorities and our internal organizational development through inclusive recruitment of staff and board members and fostering a diverse and inclusive culture.

### **Children's Environmental Health Network— Carol Stroebel Policy and Health Education Internship**

**(Primarily Remote, with limited in-office days, \$3,500 per semester/197 total hours)**

This internship focuses on public health and children's environmental health policy. Individuals studying or with a background in public health, environmental studies, public or nonprofit administration, public policy, communication/journalism or health sciences are welcome to apply. The position requires strong written communication skills and proven leadership experience.

Interns will assist with drafting The Patron, a monthly newsletter dedicated to children's environmental health policy at the federal level. Interns may also be invited to draft policy-related website and social media content. Interns may lead advocacy outreach to child health champions in states and cities with Children's Environmental Health Day Proclamations. Interns may also assist with policy and advocacy-related events like webinars and briefings. There are rare opportunities to draft or edit policy statements.

### **Global Water Challenge – Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) Intern**

**(Remote, 16-24 hours/week, \$20/hour)**

Global Water Challenge (GWC) is a coalition of leading organizations deploying expertise and networks to advance global water security and achieve universal access to safe and affordable drinking water, sanitation and hygiene in communities around the world. Since 2006, GWC has positively impacted over 3 million across Africa, the Americas and Asia with clean water access and our campaigns, tools, data and best practices reach millions more.

GWC seeks an enthusiastic, self-motivated virtual Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) Intern to assist in supporting our domestic and international water, sanitation and hygiene programs. The goals of these programs include improving access to water supply and sanitation, protecting watersheds and promoting the productive use of water.

Responsibilities:

- Conducting research for assigned GWC water and sanitation projects and platforms and other global water activities and sustainability projects;
- Drafting research findings and assisting with analysis;
- Assisting in the preparation of proposals, reports, communications and outreach materials; and,

- Supporting Project Managers by performing miscellaneous duties and responsibilities as assigned.

Requirements:

- Interest in water resources, sustainability issues, international development and/or women's empowerment.
- High attention to detail.
- Effective oral and written communications skills.
- Strong computer skills including the ability to operate specialized software programs (e.g. Microsoft PowerPoint, Excel, and Adobe Acrobat).
- Experience traveling or living in developing countries preferred