Climate Resilience Intern, Sonoran Institute

Announcement
Opportunity with leading community-based natural resource conservation organization serving the North American West for a Climate Resilience Intern. The ideal candidate will have experience in natural or water resource management, communicating public policy or climate science, land use, urban/regional planning or related field. We are seeking a team-player with a passion for the work of the Sonoran Institute.

Who we are
The Sonoran Institute’s mission is to connect people and communities with the natural resources that nourish and sustain them. We work at the nexus of commerce, community, and conservation to help people in the North American West build the communities they want to live in while preserving the values which brought them here. We envision a West where civil dialogue and collaboration are hallmarks of decision making, where people and wildlife live in harmony, and where clean water, air, and energy are assured.

The Sonoran Institute has a track record of helping communities plan and adapt to change. Across the North American West, population growth, shifts in the region's economies, and the impacts of a changing climate are affecting communities and the natural resources that nourish and sustain them. Effective strategies to increase climate resilience, manage growth, and ensure economic prosperity requires sound information, problem-solving tools, collaboration across boundaries and sectors, and improved laws and policies at all levels of government.

General Overview
The Intern is primarily responsible for assisting with program activities and projects under Resilient Communities and Watersheds, a joint program with the Lincoln Institute of Land Policy that addresses a fundamental lack of integration between land use planning and water management in response to population trends, drought and other climate impacts and planning to adapt to climate change. The Intern will assist with development of relevant case studies, content and a photo library for ResilientWest.org to disseminate best policies and practices. The intern may also assist with the planning and organization of webinars and workshops addressing climate change adaptation, water and land use planning, and exploratory scenario planning, including logistics, administrative support and development of materials and presentations. Preparation and development of any deliverables will likely involve research and analysis, interviewing stakeholders, writing, graphic/publication design, photo/video documentation and website management.

Education & Experience
Pursuing a degree in Urban Planning, Natural Resources, Public Policy, or other related fields.

Required
• A commitment to natural resource conservation and the Mission of the Sonoran Institute
• Demonstrated verbal, written and graphic communication skills
• Ability to communicate complex ideas and information to a broad range of audiences
• Strong analytical and research skills
• Proficiency in using the suite of Microsoft Office 365 programs

Desired
• Sound grasp of the principles and practice of community development
• Understanding of natural resource planning and conservation issues
• Experience with public and stakeholder engagement and outreach
• Experience with research and analysis relevant to planning, development, resource management and policy
• Experience with website design/building software
• Video or photo editing skills
• Familiarity with social media outreach
• Proficiency in Adobe InDesign, Illustrator and Photoshop
• GIS or other analytical tools

Compensation and Time Commitment
This position offers $12/hour and requires 10 to 20 hours a week through June 30, 2018.

Location
This position will be located at Sonoran Institute’s Phoenix, AZ office.
11010 N. Tatum Blvd., Ste. 101D, Phoenix, AZ 85028

How to Apply and Deadline
Please submit resume and cover letter to bruiz@sonoraninstitute.org by Wednesday, January 3, 2018.