



## Policy & Outreach Internship

Bayou City Waterkeeper is seeking an intern in our Houston office. This is a great opportunity to learn more about organizing in the non-profit field while making an impact on critical environmental issues and further our mission of making the waterways of the Lower Galveston Bay Watershed fishable, drinkable, and swimmable.

This internship will offer you a chance to learn about crafting and building community power, engaging local groups and leaders, public speaking, and building coalitions to win an advocacy campaign.

The ideal candidate is self-motivated, energetic, flexible, and a strategic thinker with very strong writing abilities, good organizational skills, understanding of the political system, and a passion for the environment and social justice. Responsibilities will be tailored to personal skills and areas of interest to the best of our ability.

### **Primary Responsibilities**

While projects may vary, this individual will gain exposure in:

- Building support for clean water, resilient communities, and wetland protection;
- Building coalitions with non-traditional, non-environmental allies;
- Meeting with grasstop and other community leaders;
- Mapping and tracking agenda items at mayoral, city council, and county commissioner offices in the Greater Houston Area, including the eight-county region, on issues related to our programmatic goals;
- Develop and refine messaging around specific issues, campaigns, or communities;
- Research and write stories for our website, newsletter, social media;
- Assist staff in engaging the public through social media channels and other media;
- Assist in the promotion of press releases and statements;
- Attending events and hearings;
- Providing general support to Bayou City Waterkeeper staff; and,
- Other tasks and individual projects as assigned.

## Required Qualifications

Current college student or recent college graduate ability to live in Houston during duration of their internship. If you are an international student, we cannot review your application unless you are part of a program that arranges your paperwork for you -- we cannot arrange an H1B visa.

This is an unpaid internship but includes opportunities to attend many events and participate in several program trainings at no cost. Bayou City Waterkeeper will also reimburse any work-related travel costs.

Interns will be expected to work a flexible 20-hour week, which includes holding regular office hours and bi-weekly team meetings. Once accepted, all interns are expected to complete the semester of the internship program they have committed to in order to receive credit. Interns must have a weekly meeting or call with their supervising staff member to check in on work plan and strategy.

Depending on progress and commitment shown, there is also an opportunity for the internship to continue past the set end date with remote supervision. Academic credit may also be available (we are willing to provide any documentation necessary to help students get credit at their college or university).

**If interested, please submit a cover letter and resume to [careers@bayoucitywaterkeeper.org](mailto:careers@bayoucitywaterkeeper.org).**