

Social Health and Wellbeing Student

Location: Multiple Locations

About the Opportunity

Urban Matters CCC is currently looking for a student to join our practices for a four-month paid internship. The position will be virtual, with the opportunity to connect in-person, dependant on location. The placement will run from approximately May to August 2023.

As social planners and community development consultants, we work alongside government, organizations, businesses, and communities to dig into the root of systemic issues and test innovative new approaches. Our team is made up of interdisciplinary consultants who specialize in affordable housing, health and social planning, community development, Indigenous well-being, and social innovation. Our innovative practice excels at providing social planning and community development services to clients who are dealing with the complex social issues that many of our communities' face. More and more of our clients are looking for innovative ideas and customized solutions based on an integrated perspective across fields such as planning, public health, social work, and social innovation.

We strive to build internship opportunities that are exciting, challenging, rewarding, and offer exposure to the wide-ranging nature of social planning and community development. Our goal is for you to come away with new points of view and an enhanced skillset that will serve you well in your future career. In general, you can expect to be involved in the following kinds of activities:

- Conducting research, preparing background reports, and supporting projects for local government, community partners, and First Nations clients
- Assisting in the preparation of documents, technical studies and preparing presentations for clients and public meetings
- Collaborating with the existing team to develop public engagement materials such as open house panels, newsletters, brochures and community surveys
- Attending and supporting site visits, public meetings, engagement, workshops, and open houses as required
- Working with and learning from professionals at a range of levels and practice areas, as well as other related professionals.

About You

This position is ideal for students currently enrolled in, or recently graduated from, planning, social work, community development, or public health program. If your skills and interests align with what we're looking for, we encourage you to apply. We're looking for the following skills, traits, and interests:

- Curiosity in a wide range of social issues and across the determinants of health, including housing, health, social connection, poverty, child care and more.
- Interest and/or experience working with a wide range of clients including First Nations, local governments, community serving organizations, and provincial and federal governments.
- Excellent verbal communication skills, ability to write well, and experience translating technical jargon into plain-language materials.



- Proven ability to conduct research, including the collection and analysis of qualitative and/or quantitative data.
- Skilled at connecting with people, asking questions, and working on teams.
- Open to working on projects throughout Western Canada with communities of all sizes.
- Desire to work in a fast-paced environment with a team of professionals who are deeply committed to exceeding client expectations.
- An ability to thrive in a self-directed work environment, take initiative and consistently deliver high-quality work
- Commitment to create more equitable communities where everyone has the opportunity to thrive.

About Us

Recognized as one of Canada's top employers, Urban Systems is an employee-owned inter-disciplinary consulting firm based in Western Canada. In business since 1975, we have over four decades of experience working with a variety of clients including all levels of government, Indigenous communities, commercial and residential land developers, and the natural resource sector. Our team of over 500 people, across multiple branch offices, is committed to helping build vibrant communities of all sizes.

Urban Matters CCC, a subsidiary of Urban Systems, was established in 2014 as a Community Contribution Company to co-create better outcomes for communities who face complex social problems such as homelessness, mental health and addictions, and affordable housing. The team works alongside those who are most impacted to rethink the new ways to make everyone's lives rewarding.

We exist to use our diverse perspectives, knowledge, and resources to serve those with lived experiences. These are the communities for whom systems change matters most. Being the change agent of systemic problems does not mean working towards a finish line - it means supporting the everchanging, complex shifting environments in our society by co-creating improved outcomes for those in the system.

Our Commitment to You

At Urban, we make significant investments in our people, which is why we take great care to hire those who we believe will thrive in Urban over the long term. We've become recognized as a workplace of choice by nurturing a unique corporate culture that sets us apart and provides:

- Challenging and interesting project opportunities
- A fun workplace, where hard work accomplishes great things
- The opportunity to work with industry leading professionals in a collaborative environment
- Ongoing career development and learning
- Meaningful rewards and recognition

How to Apply



If this describes your background, skills and attributes please visit our website for more information and submit your resume and cover letter. If it doesn't describe you exactly but you feel you are well suited to this opportunity, we encourage you to apply.

Urban is an equal opportunity employer. We strive to create an inclusive culture for all employees. Our clients come from all walks of life and so do you. We believe that diversity and unity amongst our teams leads to building vibrant communities.

Deadline for applications: **Monday, April 17, 2023, at 9:00 am PDT**