College of Environmental Design Admissions Ambassador Undergraduate Internship Program, Fall 2012-Spring 2013

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OVERVIEW

The College of Environmental Design (CED) is committed to promoting inclusion, social justice, and equity within the environmental design disciplines. Currently, CED is home to the highest percentage of low-income, first generation college undergraduates at Berkeley (UCB Office of Student Research, 2009 data). We also enroll a higher than average percentage of underrepresented minority students (UCB Office of Planning and Analysis, 2008 data).

In alignment with this commitment, we are excited to hire for next year’s CED Admissions Ambassador Undergraduate Internship Program for Fall 2012-Spring 2013. This leadership opportunity for undergraduates aids in the college’s effort to increase visibility of CED related fields, especially to underrepresented communities, encouraging them to apply to our degree programs.

Ambassadors gain personal and professional skills by reaching out to local, national, and international communities. Outreach will be done through high school and community college visits to Wurster, hosting prospective students on campus, panels, presentations, phone banking, Cal Day, development and use of multimedia tools, and more.

Through training and participation in these outreach activities, ambassadors will also facilitate community building within the college through interaction with fellow undergraduates, graduate students, alumni, faculty, and staff. Ambassadors will work closely with advisors in the Office of Undergraduate Advising.

STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES

With commitment and active participation by the ambassadors, the following are the learning outcomes for the internship:

- Ambassadors will enhance conversational, public speaking, and facilitation skills through presentations, group meetings, one-on-one interactions, etc. with prospective students and their families.
- Ambassadors will gain a better understanding of themselves and people from different backgrounds through intergroup dialogue, trainings, readings, and field experience.
- Ambassadors will gain networking skills through interaction with faculty, staff, alumni, graduate students, and various campus departments.
- Ambassadors will increase knowledge of multimedia presentation through the development of recruitment videos, website consultation, fliers, pamphlets, webinars, etc.
- Ambassadors will build upon organizational and time management skills through event planning and overall involvement in the program.
QUALIFICATIONS

We are looking to hire a committed and diverse team representative of all CED undergraduate majors. Various experiences and skills are valued with key interest in students who:

- Are current UC Berkeley CED undergraduates
- Take responsibility for their own learning
- Are interested in working with people who are different from themselves
- Are sensitive to the experiences of underrepresented groups
- Are open-minded to various perspectives and point of views
- Are timely to meetings and with deadlines
- Respect confidentiality
- Are flexible and motivated to problem solve in unplanned situations
- Have experience and/or interest in developing multimedia marketing tools
- Are comfortable with speaking about personal experiences
- Are able to speak in front of small and large groups
- Have good time management skills

REQUIREMENTS

Ambassadors are expected to actively participate in the following:

- All-day training retreat in early Fall 2012
- Weekly two hour meeting on Monday afternoons/early evenings (time TBD) and subsequent training workshops for Fall 2012 & bi-monthly meetings and trainings in Spring 2013
- Management of one project throughout Fall 2012
- Participation in at least three outreach or yield activities (fieldwork activities) throughout Fall 2012 & participation in at least five outreach or yield activities throughout Spring 2013
- Management of tasks and responsibilities outside of meetings and fieldwork activities (i.e. responding to emails in a timely manner, various assignments, readings, etc.)

TO APPLY

To be considered for this internship, please complete and submit the attached application. A complete application packet includes
1. The application sheet
2. 1-2 page personal statement
3. A resume is not required, but highly recommended.
Applications can be submitted in-person at 250 Wurster Hall or via email to Donna Vivar at dvivar@berkeley.edu.

Applications are due: Friday, April 20, 2012 by noon
APPLICATION SHEET

Name:__________________________________________  SID#:__________________________

Email:__________________________________  Phone Number:_________________________

Major(s):_________________________________________________________________________

Minor(s):_________________________________________________________________________

Class Standing (Circle one): FR  SO  JR  SR

Expected Year of Graduation:___________  Transfer Student (Please circle): Yes  No

High School and/or Community College(s) Attended (Please indicate city and state):
_________________________________________________________________________________
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Non-English Languages Spoken:  __________________________________________________

Ethnicity (Optional): ________________________________  Age (Optional):_______

Gender (Optional):______________________________________________

Personal Statement:
One to two page statement telling us why you are interested in the CED Admissions Ambassador Internship Program and what you hope to gain from it. Please also briefly list and describe your academic, work, and/or extra-curricular commitments for Fall 2012-Spring 2013 to the best of your ability (Feel free to include what you do for fun!).