INTERNSHIP

Native American Water and Land Intern

Phoenix, Arizona

The hourly range for this role is $15-$20/hour depending on level of education and years of experience. This is a part-time position at up to 19 hours/week reporting to the Senior Program Manager. This is a four to six month internship to start. We will also consider hiring summer interns.

The Babbitt Center for Land and Water Policy, a center of the Lincoln Institute of Land Policy, seeks to advance the integration of land and water management to secure a sustainable water future in the West, throughout the U.S., and the world.

The Lincoln Institute of Land Policy seeks to improve quality of life through the effective use, taxation, and stewardship of land. A nonprofit private operating foundation whose origins date to 1946, the Lincoln Institute researches and recommends creative approaches to land as a solution to economic, social, and environmental challenges. Through education, training, publications, and events, we integrate theory and practice to inform public policy decisions worldwide. With locations in Cambridge, Massachusetts; Washington, DC; Phoenix; and Beijing, we organize our work around the achievement of six goals: low-carbon, climate-resilient communities and regions; efficient and equitable tax systems; reduced poverty and spatial inequality; fiscally healthy communities and regions; sustainably managed land and water resources; and functional land markets and reduced informality.

POSITION OVERVIEW

The Babbitt Center for Land and Water Policy is seeking a Native American Intern with an interest in exploring water and land management within communities across the Colorado River Basin, including Indigenous communities, to join our team for a summer and/or academic semester internship. This internship will contribute to Babbitt Center’s integrated land and water planning efforts, focused on policy, research, and practice.

WHAT YOU’LL DO:

- Conduct policy research and write memos or reports on varied subjects associated with Babbitt Center’s land and water policy work as it relates to Colorado River communities and stakeholders, including Indigenous communities
- Research and analyze existing or proposed laws, regulations and policies, and data that impact Babbitt Center’s mission and its work with Indigenous communities
- Data collection and visualization
- Participate in stakeholder engagement activities and staff meetings and related activities as appropriate
- Conduct outreach to and communicate with Babbitt Center partners, constituents and Colorado River stakeholders
- Present findings to Babbitt Center staff and partners at other organizations as appropriate
- Regularly attend conferences, workshops, and meetings to represent the Babbitt Center
- Work on existing Babbitt Center programs: Water & Tribes Initiative, Growing Water Smart, and Sustainable Agricultural Futures
- Revise the Colorado Basin Story Map in ArcGIS
- Propose and develop new projects that are closely aligned with Babbitt Center’s mission and contribute to the land and water management needs of Colorado Basin indigenous communities
WHAT YOU’LL NEED:

- College junior or higher educational level, including master’s students, with a concentration in one or more of the following fields: geography; GIS; hydrology; environmental and natural resources management and planning; environmental engineering; environmental studies; or related field
- Basic understanding of – and strong interest in – environmental sustainability issues in the Colorado River Basin, including implications of climate change for land and water resource management
- Excellent communication skills (written and verbal) and research/analytic skills
- Understanding and appreciation for the cultural context within which Indigenous communities and Nations function and operate
- Motivation to take ownership of projects and demonstrate follow-through to complete tasks
- Knowledge and familiarity with Indigenous sovereignty and governance preferred
- Experience working with Indigenous populations both in Indigenous Nations and urban centers preferred
- Relationships with Indigenous community leaders, state and local decision makers, and other stakeholders in the Intermountain West preferred
- Indigenous language skills preferred

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Our Values

The Lincoln Institute supports a culture of forthright feedback, initiative, cooperation and teamwork, diversity, equity, and inclusion, and accepting responsibility.

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Application Overview

Please complete the online application and submit a resume (2 page max), cover letter, and a writing sample, such as a blog, newsletter article, unpublished research paper, etc. For questions, contact Faith Sternlieb at f sternlieb@lincolninst.edu.