Comprehensive Plan Evaluation Internship

Who We Are: The Babbitt Center for Land and Water Policy is a center of the Lincoln Institute of Land Policy, established in 2017 to help integrate land and water policy to secure a sustainable water future in the West, throughout the U.S., and the world.

Job Title: Temporary Research Assistant

Location: Phoenix, AZ

Objective:
The Babbitt Center’s review of community plans throughout the Colorado River Basin seeks to determine:

- The state of land use and water planning integration in Colorado River Basin communities
- The gaps and opportunities to be addressed in land and water planning and management practices

While recognizing that comprehensive or general plans may not represent the whole suite of land and water planning activities in a community, the Babbitt Center believes these resources reveal important information about which communities, regions, and states are incorporating water into foundational community planning processes. Planning interns will support the center’s efforts evaluate these plans as we strive for a sustainable and reliable water future in the Colorado River Basin.

Project: Evaluate and analyze land and water integration in Colorado River Basin communities’ planning efforts.

Responsibilities:

- Understand the intersection of land use planning and water resources;
- Evaluate comprehensive and general plans in Colorado River Basin states for integration of water and land, following the Babbitt Center’s evaluation framework;
- Contact each community to verify data collected;
- Add exemplary policies and plan language to Babbitt Center documents on integrating water into comprehensive/general planning;
- Compile findings from plan review into a report detailing trends by state; and
- Other duties as assigned.
Minimum & Desired Qualifications:

- Current students or recent graduates in the fields of urban planning; public policy; sustainability; environmental and natural resources; public administration; geography; hydrology; or related fields;
- Experience in data compilation, quantification, and interpretation; graphing; and report writing;
- Detail oriented, self-motivated, and professional demeanor with strong communication skills and a positive attitude;
- Strong organizational and time management skills with the ability to manage multiple projects simultaneously; and
- Proficiency in Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint and Outlook preferred.

Compensation & Environment:

- $15/hour, up to 40 hours/week for 12 weeks (May – August, 2019). No benefits or paid time off will be provided with this internship.
- Intern will work in the Lincoln Institute of Land Policy office in northeast Phoenix.
- A laptop, desk, and phone will be made available.