Census 2020 Summer Internships at Questionnaire Assistance Centers

The 2020 decennial census affects our representation in government, determines how much funding our communities receive, and provides data that drives policies that affect our daily lives. Beginning in May, the focus of the US Census will be on communicating with residents who haven’t yet responded to the census, to explain the value of the census and to assist them in responding. Questionnaire Assistance Centers (QACs) are sites in public buildings or nonprofits where community members can stop by for assistance with completing the census. They’ll be open through the summer, beginning in May.

Nature of Work: As a Questionnaire Assistance Intern, you’ll be able to work at a center in your own community, almost anywhere in the US. You’ll have an opportunity to:

- Build skills in engaging with community members, sharing the value of the census, and assisting individuals in understanding the questions asked
- Build an understanding of the diverse ways that census data is used

Qualifications: You must be working towards a major or minor in geography or urban planning. You should be motivated to assist community members, willing to learn, and able to commit to at least 45 hours to the internship.

Compensation: Internship is unpaid, but you can earn 1-3 credits in GCU 484 or PUP 484 Internship. Each 45 hours internship work qualifies you to earn 1 credit.

As well as internship work, the course requires (a) keeping a work log, (b) participating in 5 online discussions, and (c) completing a presentation or paper that summarizes your internship experience.

Time Requirement: For each credit earned, a student must work 45 hours (including online training, which will take about 4 hours). Training will be available beginning April 15, and work at a Questionnaire Assistance Center can begin as early as May 4.

Location: Many locations will be available throughout the country. In your application, you’ll identify the location(s) in which you’d like to participate.

More Information: Contact Barbara Trapido-Lurie, SGSUP Internship Coordinator, btl@asu.edu

To Apply: 1. Complete this application form: http://sgsup.asu.edu/census-intern, and
2. Send a resume, or a short bio telling about your work experience and interests, to Barbara Trapido-Lurie, btl@asu.edu.

Deadlines: Apply for internship by May 1.

Arranging a QAC site and registering for an internship course: Within 1 business day after completing your application, you’ll receive an email note stating whether or not you’re eligible for the program. Within 3-4 business days after that, you’ll be given contact information for coordinators of 1 or more Questionnaire Assistance Centers in your location. It will be your responsibility to contact the coordinator and meet with them, to determine that both you and the coordinator feel you’re a good fit for the setting, and to determine your work schedule.

When the plan is confirmed, complete the SGSUP Internship Plan form, and the advisors will do the override needed for you to enroll in GCU or PUP 484 Internship.