

Montgomery County Government Climate Internship (Remote) – Summer 2022

Start Date

Monday, June 6, 2022

End Date

Friday, August 12, 2022

Application Deadline

3/13/22. Early submission is recommended as we will review applications when they are received.

Hours Per Week

30-40 hours

Montgomery County, Maryland, has been committed to significant greenhouse gas (GHG) reduction and climate action for over a decade. Through the 2017 Emergency Climate Mobilization Resolution, Montgomery County committed to cut GHG emissions 80% by 2027 and 100% by 2035. In 2021, the County released a Climate Action Plan detailing the effects of a changing climate on Montgomery County and includes strategies to reduce GHG emissions and climate-related risks to the County's residents, businesses, and the built and natural environment. More information about the County's Climate Action Plan is available at: <https://MontgomeryCountyMD.gov/Climate>

Montgomery County is seeking climate interns to participate in the County's climate team. This is a competitive internship for qualified students and recent graduates with diverse backgrounds who have strong experience, education, or interest, in climate, sustainability, racial equity, and clean and renewable energy policy.

This is a paid internship (\$15/hour). The internship will be conducted fully remotely (teleworking). Interns will be on-boarded and paid through a temporary services agency and will be detailed to the County for the duration of the internship.

The interns will collaborate with County employees with projects on diverse climate and energy issues such as:

- Climate change policy and planning
- Climate adaptation/resilience policy
- Energy efficiency and renewable energy policy

- Centering racial equity, social justice, and inclusivity in community engagement approaches for climate action
- Digital communications for climate action/resilience planning, including through generating strategy and content for social media, ArcGIS Story Maps, and County-wide newsletters
- Community engagement

The interns will work closely with County employees to gain experience by attending meetings and briefings, conducting research, writing summaries, etc. County employees will also work with the interns to assign projects that will increase their knowledge in energy and climate issues while supporting their strengths and interests.

Successful interns will possess the following qualities and skills:

- Strong academic and/or volunteer/work experience in climate and energy policy and sustainability and a strong interest in and learning more about these fields
- Individuals in other fields (e.g., marketing/communications, art/design, public health, economics, sociology, social work, geography, English, creative writing, history, biology) who are excited to make linkages to climate/energy/sustainability are also welcomed to apply
- Commitment to centering racial equity and social justice in climate action
- Enthusiasm for the process of finding solutions to climate and energy challenges
- Strong written and verbal communication skills
- Independent and self-motivated worker; eager to ask questions
- Diligence in research and high attention to detail
- Values high-quality work and importance of deadlines

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Please submit resume and cover letter to climate@montgomerycountymd.gov. Early submission is recommended as we will review applications when they are received.