A People's EPA, APE Summer Internship - Part Time, limited term

Anticipated Start Date: Beginning of June, 2024
Anticipated End Date: Three month term, with end date August 31, 2024; possibility for renewal
Compensation: $19.00 per hour
Expected hours: Limited/5 hours per week; flexible schedule (possibility to flex up hours, if needed)
Location: Fully remote

Position Description

EDGI is hiring a summer research intern to assist in coordinating a public online research project investigating and making available federal environmental records from FOIA requests, helping build community-led resources (maps, info sheets, etc.), and assisting with online/digital humanities projects. We seek people with public environmental record knowledge, skills in data visualization, passion for community organizing, and/or experience in FOIA, environmental history, environmental science or environmental studies.

The Environmental Data & Governance Initiative (EDGI) is a collaborative, horizontally organized community of caring and committed members, primarily volunteers, from multiple academic institutions and non-profit and grassroots organizations. EDGI is an environmental organization focused on issues of environmental-right-to-know, data justice, environmental justice, and corporate and government accountability.

We expect all staff to adhere to EDGI's policies and procedures including our Code of Conduct; employment review approximately three months after employment begins; support for EDGI's mission, vision, and values, which include justice; environmental and human health; intersectionality; anti-facism, anti-racism, and anti-oppression; accessibility; participatory knowledge-making; and responsivity and proactivity.

Specific tasks may include:
- Data entry and summaries for sensitive/EJ-focused/community-led FOIAs.
- CMS web entry and content support.
- Storymap/GIS map building for environmental justice/environmental history narratives.
- Maintain/ready the APE website in collaboration with APE's curator.
- Support organization-wide adherence to EDGI's communications protocols, reminding members of protocols when needed.

Qualifications and desired skills:
- Bachelor's degree or background in environmental research, or related field preferred
- Knowledge of environmental and climate change histories
- Non-profit experience a plus
- Demonstrable familiarity and facility with Web/CMS/Storymap/GIS
- Experience in remote collaboration and communication; comfort working remotely with colleagues in multiple time-zones via Slack, Zoom, and other online tools
- Excellent written and verbal communication in English
- Strong organizational skills with the ability to multitask and meet deadlines
- Ability to take initiative and anticipate team needs
- Comfort working both independently and in teams.
- Ability to work collaboratively and non-hierarchically
- Adherence to policies and procedures; support for EDGI's mission, vision, and values, which include justice; environmental and human health; intersectionality; antifacism, anti-racism, and anti-oppression; accessibility; participatory knowledge-making; and responsivity and proactivity

About EDGI

EDGI is a distributed collaboration operating under the fiscal sponsorship of the non-profit Multiplier, with volunteer members across North America. EDGI works to:

1. Investigate and analyze the inner workings of federal environmental policy, through interviewing of agency staff, as well as data and documentary collection and analysis;
2. Monitor changes to, and explore standards for, web-based information about the environment, energy, and climate provided by the federal government;
3. Develop new ways of making federal environmental data more accessible to the public;
4. Imagine, conceptualize, and move toward environmental data justice;
5. Prototype new organizational structures and practices for distributed, collective, effective work rooted in justice.

For more information about EDGI, please see our website and most recent annual report.

To apply, please send your resume and cover letter to jessica.varner@envirodatagov.org and gretchen.gehrke@envirodatagov.org by May 30th, 2024, for full consideration.