Water Policy Internships

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The Interstate Council on Water Policy (ICWP) is a national organization that provides a voice for regional, state, and local water resources agencies and entities regarding diverse water policy issues that affect real-world decisions. ICWP’s mission is to enhance the stewardship of the nation’s water resources. ICWP has immediate openings for up to six interns in the Washington DC region to assist in accomplishing its mission.

The internships are unpaid; however, there are numerous benefits including the opportunity to develop a broad understanding of current national water policy issues. In addition, interns will also benefit through complimentary registration to the Washington DC Roundtable (April 2-3, 2019), participation in Board of Director and committee meetings (committees include Legislation and Policy, Data and Science, Water Planning, and Interstate Water Management), and the opportunity to meet national leaders in water policy.

Interns will work with a supervisor to select one or more projects based on her/his interests and skills. The list below is not comprehensive, but provides some example projects.

- Develop a Congressional Directory focused on the distribution of ICWP members that shows committee assignments and members serving on authorizing and funding committees of water related agencies/topics for both the minority and majority.
- Support ICWP’s streamgaging advocacy with a focus on better communicating the importance of the network to a broad constituency and/or assisting with stakeholder letters.
- Summarize states’ authorities for water planning including which agency(ies) have responsibilities and whether rulemaking is needed for the water planning activities.
- Research how many USACE contracts have been developed to use water quality storages for water supply needs including what reservoirs, where in the country, and the contract details.
- Update the 2006 Interstates Report including review of the interstate organizations from the past report, identification of any missing organizations, etc.
- Assist in developing an “Interstate Water Management Primer”.

Interns will work from the convenience of their own office using their own computer. Interns are expected to participate in weekly calls with their supervisor. These are part-time, temporary positions with flexible working hours. The culmination of the internships will be presentation of findings at the Washington DC Roundtable, scheduled for April 2-3, 2019. Internships may be extended based on availability and interest.

Preferred Education: Graduate students in natural resources, planning, or water policy-related field.

ICWP is an Equal Opportunity Employer. Applicants will not be discriminated against on the basis of any non-job related factor. Visit https://icwp.org to learn more about ICWP.

To apply, please send a cover letter and resume to sue.icwp@gmail.com by 5:00 PM on February 8, 2019.