

URBAN STRATEGIES COUNCIL

Research & Technology Program

GIS Research Intern

ABOUT THE ORGANIZATION

Urban Strategies Council (the Council) is a community building support and advocacy organization located in Oakland, California. Founded as a non-profit organization in 1987, the Council's mission is to eliminate persistent poverty by helping to transform low-income neighborhoods into vibrant, healthy communities. The Council works locally and nationally to provide research, data and policy analysis, strategic planning, program development, capacity building and advocacy in service of low-income communities. The Council works with stakeholders in low-income communities, community-based organizations, and major public systems to expand services for children and families, improve health, educational and other outcomes, and increase employment and economic opportunities. For more information on the Council, see our website at www.urbanstrategies.org.

The Research & Technology Program supports the work of all of the Council's programs, our partners and the community at-large. We offer customized research, data analysis, program evaluation and mapping and GIS services as well as training in these areas. We also operate online data warehouses and mapping services and provide website and database design services. Our work focuses on increasing access to "democratizing" data, use of data in planning and decision making and increasing access to information technologies among residents and CBOs in low-income communities.

POSITION DESCRIPTION

This position requires someone with a combination of training, skills and experience in applied geography, GIS, database development; and possibly web development who possesses a desire to improve our local communities and to further their expertise in applied GIS.

SPECIFIC DUTIES INCLUDE:

- Conduct spatial research and produce maps in such areas as demographics, housing, health, education, employment and economic development
- Construct and manage the Council's spatial databases (Access, metadata, ArcSDE familiarity required)
- Create and maintain simple mapping website pages (Google Earth, Google Maps, ArcExplorer)
- Work with partners to maintain and expand the online data warehouses and mapping services (www.InfoOakland.org and www.InfoAlamedaCounty.org)

POSITION TIME REQUIREMENTS

Part time, 7-15 hour work week for up to one year

COMPENSATION

This is an unpaid internship, course credit arrangement are gladly negotiated.

APPLICATION PROCESS

To apply for the GIS Intern position in the Research & Technology program, please submit an electronic cover letter indicating your interest, qualifications, and availability; and a resume to Chloe Smith, chloes@urbanstrategies.org and CC: Steve Spiker, gis@urbanstrategies.org. No phone calls please.

THE URBAN STRATEGIES COUNCIL IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER

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