



Climate and Energy Education Internship \$13.00/hr

The Marin County Community Development Agency seeks College of Marin students for the position of Energize Colleges Intern

About Energize Colleges & the Marin County Community Development Agency

The Energize Colleges Program (www.energizecolleges.org) is a partnership between College of Marin and Strategic Energy Innovations to develop student knowledge, skill and experience within energy career pathways. Internships are 8-10 hours per week at \$13 per hour.

The mission of the Marin County Community Development Agency is to protect public health and safety, preserve environmental quality, and plan sustainable, diverse communities. Within the Agency, Long-Range Planning under the Planning Department is where the County works on sea level rise and climate change. Marin County's Youth Exploring Sea Level Rise Science (YESS¹) program, a project of the Department, is an experiential education program that incorporates classroom curricula with hands-on science. The intern is expected to: extend Marin County's YESS program by developing a new segment that addresses measures the public can take to reduce greenhouse gases (GHG) and, ultimately, the impacts of climate change.

The position starts immediately through Spring Semester 2017 and will run for approximately one academic term, potentially through Summer 2017.

APPLICANTS MUST:

- Be a currently enrolled COM student, pursuing an environmental degree or related field, such as social science, business, technical or vocational trades, and have completed 1-2 courses in their major
- Attend weekly campus team meetings at Kentfield Campus
- Participate in energy education high school engagement project
- Enroll in an internship course during Spring Semester (may be waived)
- Possess excellent verbal and written communication skills; Spanish a plus
- Have confidence using computer software, such as MS Word, Excel, and Outlook
- Be self-motivated and confident student who enjoys science and values hands-on learning opportunities

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES INCLUDES:

- Working with Marin County planners, high school teachers, and students to develop addendum educational materials to the YESS Teacher's Guide for teaching a segment on public action to reduce greenhouse gases (GHGs) through energy efficiency efforts as well as others
- Assisting with setting up interviews with high school teachers and other professionals

¹YESS general website <http://www.yessproject.org/> and YESS in Marin County <https://www.marincounty.org/depts/cd/divisions/planning/sea-level-rise/yess-youth-project>

- Testing developed addendum educational materials with high school students

ADDITIONAL BENEFITS:

- Will work with a professional planner who will provide guidance and supervision throughout the internship, plus training in climate change science and resources
- Will gain access to planners and individuals working on sustainability and climate change issues, such as adaptation and mitigation
- Will gain experience working for the County that will help establish contacts within and outside the County government and with individuals working on energy sustainability, climate change, and climate change adaptation