

Sustainability Ambassadors
“Empower Youth to Catalyze Community Sustainability”
Equity Advocacy Internship
APPLICATION - LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITY

Opportunity

This is a year-long, professional training internship that also includes a set of paid responsibilities. The total number of hours is estimated at 150 spread over 12 months with 80 hours paid at \$15/hour for a total of \$1,200.

Interns will benefit from college-bound, career-building, professional training and apply these skills by contributing the voice of youth to the Duwamish Superfund Cleanup Plan and to the long-term action agenda for a healthy and vibrant Duwamish Valley community.

Interns serve as Sustainability Ambassadors informing and inspiring peers, teachers and administrators in your school and others in your community to engage in the process of building a more sustainable future.

Is this you?

- Purpose-driven young person of color including immigrant and refugee youth ages 16-21
- Already have some leadership experience or eager to develop these skills
- Live in the greater Duwamish Valley (Delridge, South Park, Georgetown, Beacon Hill)
- Attending one of these schools: Chief Sealth High School, Cleveland High School, South Seattle College, UW, Seattle University
- Priority is given to youth **already engaged** in the work of organizations or programs with missions related to equity, sustainability, or youth empowerment. Example:
 - Duwamish Valley Youth Corps
 - Youngstown
 - Got Green
 - El Centro De La Raza
 - Rainier Scholars

What does this internship involve?

Professional training in policy analysis, performance assessment, project management and public speaking. Time spent in formal training is non-paid, about 5 hours a month.

Learn the issues concerning your community so you can take action. Read the community-based Superfund information developed by the [Duwamish River Cleanup Coalition](#). Read about the [Duwamish Valley Program](#) which recognizes that environmental justice and equitable development will only be achieved when mechanisms that promote communication, transparency, and accountability are set in place and when the priorities of those most affected by racial inequities and health disparities are reflected in City plans and implemented through City work. Read the [Duwamish Valley Action Plan](#), a City-community shared vision for the South Park and Georgetown neighborhoods. The Action Plan is organized into seven priority areas: Healthy Environment, Parks & Open Space, Community Capacity, Economic Opportunity & Jobs, Mobility & Transportation, Affordable Housing, and Public Safety.

Help form and lead a “**Future Leaders Caucus**” to be a part of the Lower Duwamish Waterway Roundtable, an advisory group that will provide recommendations to the EPA, as well as other agencies and organizations, to develop the best possible cleanup design and implementation for the Superfund Site. **Youth voice from the community is crucial to this process.** Develop facilitation skills to recruit and lead a team of other youth, the “Future Leaders Caucus” with representation on the Duwamish Roundtable.

Engage your entire high school community in learning the issues and taking action. Learn how to design projects that matter, gather data, map community impact, and report to stakeholders. Work with teacher leaders at your school to integrate community projects into classroom learning.

Support and amplify the work already happening with a community organization you are involved with. **Expand your personal and professional connections** to an even broader set of learning partners. See a partial list [Equity Organizations and Programs](#).

Compensation and Schedule

Roundtable Member 3 positions proposed (1 Sealth, 1 Cleveland, 1 College)		
Activity	Hours	\$15/hr
Professional Training (non-paid monthly training sessions)	70	training
Attend 3 Roundtable meetings / year, 4 hours each	12	\$180
Recruit and lead Youth Caucus: 6 meetings / year, 2 hours each	12	\$180
Facilitate Youth Leadership Workshops (at least 2 / year x 4 hours)	8	\$120
Design a major school program (assembly, teach-in, host Roundtable)	20	\$300

Support teachers integrating community projects in the curriculum	18	\$270
Update stakeholders (at least 4 groups / year x 1 hour)	4	\$60
Curate classroom resources and map community impact	6	\$90
TOTAL HOURS	150	
TOTAL PAID HOURS	80	\$1,200

Important Upcoming Dates

Duwamish Roundtable Open House (Recommended)

Tuesday, September 25 6:00-8:00 PM, South Park Neighborhood Assoc., 8201 10th AVE. S.

First Roundtable (Required)

Thursday, October 11, 3:30-5:30

HOW TO APPLY **Deadline: September 30 at 5:00 PM**

STEP 1: Research these websites to learn more about:

- [EPA Background on Lower Duwamish Waterway Superfund Site](#)
- Community/Superfund Info: [Duwamish River Cleanup Coalition](#)
- [Duwamish Valley Action Plan](#)

STEP 2: Complete the [online application](#) here. Be thoughtful and honest, but concise in responding to the two main questions.

STEP 3: OPTIONAL - Email your personal statement and resume if you have one. If selected as an Intern we will also help develop or refine these tools.

QUESTIONS?

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