Research and Communications Summer Intern (Remote)

Who we are

Global Footprint Network is changing how the world manages its natural resources.

Every year people demand more from nature than it can regenerate, leading to disruptive resource constraints and climate change. To create a better future, leaders in government and finance come to us for guidance about how to manage the resources they have, reduce economic risk, and improve well-being. We help them take action by translating data into insights that drive practical decisions. This starts with metrics that track how resources are used and measure what’s available. Then we empower clients to frame opportunities and make confident policy and investment decisions backed by facts.

The heart of our work is the Ecological Footprint. The Footprint measures human demand on nature, expressed as a single, easy-to-understand number that’s scalable from a global to individual level. We pioneered this acclaimed methodology more than 20 years ago and continue to build on the science and design new tools for applying it.

For more information about Global Footprint Network and the Ecological Footprint visit: www.footprintnetwork.org.

What we are looking for

Global Footprint Network is seeking interns to assist its Research and Communications teams.

We are looking for recent graduates or advanced undergraduates with a combination of quantitative, analytical and communication skills, who are self-motivated and fast learners. A degree in Environmental Policy, Environmental Science, Engineering, Earth Science, Agriculture, Economics, Biology, Ecology, Statistics, Urban Planning, Resource Management, Geography, Business or a related field is desired.

What you’ll bring

- Strong interest in sustainability, ecological economics and/or resource and energy analysis
- Creativity, initiative, strong quantitative skills, and the ability to wrap your head around complicated calculations
- Excellent writing, research and time management skills
- Some familiarity with VBA, Matlab, MySQL, statistical analysis software, or general coding (highly desirable, but not required)
- Life cycle assessment experience (desirable, but not required)
What you’ll do

- Find and extract sustainability-relevant insights from our datasets which intersect with current topics.
- Draft articles and blog posts with the goal of bringing awareness to Ecological Footprint datasets.
- Support the development and improvement of the Ecological Footprint and related datasets.
- Support sustainability related projects in a variety of domains from education to Government Policy
- Gain an in-depth knowledge of the science of sustainability and Ecological Footprint analysis
- Participate in discussions with our research team about how to save the world

Compensation

Our internship positions are unpaid. We offer a stipend of $500 per month, which is prorated based on the number of hours worked per week if less than 40 hours. Full time interns are preferred, and the minimum commitment is 16 hours per week for 12 weeks. Hours are flexible. We are willing to work with a university to arrange academic credit.

Start Date

We are currently accepting applications for internships that will begin on June 7th, 2021.

COVID Pandemic

Although our office is located in downtown Oakland, we are currently offering this internship remotely. The ability to participate in regular videoconferences is therefore required. The reality of the pandemic also means that there is room for flexibility on many of the topics outlined above.

Application

Please send your resume and cover letter to internship@footprintnetwork.org and be sure to include the keywords “Internship application” in the subject line.

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