Community & Economic Development - Best Practices in Land Use & Economic Development Program Internship- CEDAS

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Office location: Remote. Weekly online meetings (computer required) will be required and some travel around the state may be required to fully participate in the program. Interns will have the opportunity to be present in an office in North Haven as needed.

Background:
Extension programs in Community & Economic Development work in partnership with communities to engage, educate and build capacity of community residents, leaders and decision makers. This work helps residents, community leaders, and decision makers understand decision-making processes, respond to local needs and opportunities, and make informed decisions based on research. https://communities.extension.uconn.edu/ This internship will focus on the Best Practices in Land Use and Economic Development programhttps://www.cedas.org/Resources/CT-Best-Practices-In-Land-Use-and-Economic-Development/, a community accreditation program for municipalities in Connecticut intended to drive communities to pursue excellence in land use and economic development practices and recognize communities that have established best practices. In October 2019, twenty four municipalities were certified through this program. The program is offered as a partnership between UConn Extension, the Connecticut Economic Development Association and the Connecticut Chapter of the American Planning Association.

Tasks/Responsibilities:
This internship will focus on development of educational materials related to the Best Practices in Land Use and Economic Development program in collaboration with the Connecticut Economic Development Association programs committee including but not limited to: development of case studies for inclusion in the Best Practices library, public communications, about the program and assistance with administration of the program application process. The intern will work closely with the Community & Economic Development Educator to refine a work-plan based on her/his skills and interests.

Date ranges and work times: Weekly online meetings (computer required) will be required and some travel around the state may be required to fully participate in the program. Interns will have the opportunity to be present in an office in New Haven as needed as well as various program meetings and meetings of the Connecticut Economic Development Association Board in Rocky Hill but the majority of the work hours will be self managed.

Learning objectives: Interns will:
- Gain/broaden their understanding of community & economic development program implementation and related career opportunities
- Understand key concepts in municipal economic development practice
• Enhance their skills in educational communications (writing and verbal presentation skills) for a public audience

Mentorship commitment:
Laura Brown will work closely with the intern to discover key learning objectives and interests within the scope of Community & Economic Development programs. Brown will meet with the intern on a weekly basis by WebEx or face to face at a mutually agreeable time to check in on the work plan. The intern will benefit from additional participation in program related trainings, meetings and activities around the state proving. The intern will have the opportunity to meet and gain connections and career contacts with program partner organizations such as the Connecticut Economic Development Association, the Connecticut Economic Resource Center, and job shadowing with community & economic development partners. We will also support the student in identifying additional related learning and career opportunities following the internship experience.

Compensation: $16/hour, 15 hours per week for 10 weeks ~ $2,400 with additional hours possible.