SUSTAINABILITY INTERN JOB DESCRIPTION

PEOPLE FOR URBAN PROGRESS is an Indianapolis-based non-profit that advances good design and civic sustainability by developing products and projects in connectivity, responsible reuse, and making.

Fundamentally, PUP is an urban design do-tank that is particularly interested in salvaging and repurposing resources pulled directly from the city. This work, both at the product and project levels, is about developing and promoting Indianapolis as an engaged, accessible, and innovative community.

PUP is seeking a graduate-level student to research the impact of PUP’s salvaging and reuse of materials and how it compares to the influence of construction and event waste in Indianapolis. The SUSTAINABILITY INTERN will report directly to the EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR.

EXPECTATIONS + RESPONSIBILITIES

- Research the impact of construction and event industry waste in Indianapolis. Develop a written report showcasing the information gathered.
- Research the amount of waste PUP has salvaged since beginning in 2008.
- Work with the Director of Design and Fabrication and Resource Manager to develop system of intaking and tracking materials that come in PUP's possession.
- Occasionally assist at events and programming as an ambassador of the PUP brand, including but not limited to staffing events and assisting with setup/tear down.

PUP is a small team that operates in an open studio environment. The atmosphere is casual, collaborative, and focused, so it’s important that the applicants are motivated self-starters. Applicants must be able to communicate effectively with diverse groups and be interested in working with and learning from a growing organization.

Compensation will be in the form of a stipend through the Indiana Sustainability Development Program. The intern will work full time for 10 weeks, beginning May 29 and ending August 3, unless otherwise negotiated. Interns will be required to attend a bootcamp from May 14 to May 18, 2018.

FEEDBACK AND EVALUATION

The intern will be given regular feedback from PUP staff on progress and performance. The success of the internship will be determined by the specific goals decided by the EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR and the SUSTAINABILITY INTERN at the commencement of the internship.