



US Water Alliance
Graduate Student Researcher
Positions located in San Francisco Office

About the US Water Alliance

Founded in 2008, the US Water Alliance advances policies and programs that build a sustainable water future for all. We are driving a One Water movement—an approach to water stewardship that is integrated, equitable, and sustainable. Our methods include a desire to:

- *Educate the nation about the true value of water and the need for investment.* The US Water Alliance coordinates the Value of Water Campaign which builds public and political will for investment in sustainable water infrastructure and water resources.
- *Accelerate policies and programs that manage water resources to advance a better quality of life for all.* We convene diverse interests to identify and advance practical, achievable solutions to our nation's most pressing water challenges. We do this through national dialogues, knowledge building and peer exchange, the development of forward-looking and inclusive water policies and programs, public education, and coalition building.
- *Celebrate what works.* We shine a light on those who engage in groundbreaking work through storytelling, cataloging and disseminating best practices, and spearheading special recognition programs that focus attention on how One Water leaders are building stronger communities and a stronger America.

The US Water Alliance is a national nonprofit organization with offices in San Francisco, CA and Washington, DC. For more information, please visit our website at: www.uswateralliance.org

About our Graduate Student Researcher Position

The US Water Alliance is looking for **2 Graduate Student Researchers** for Summer 2018 to provide research and writing support to advance two of our key policy initiatives. During these 10-week, full-time, paid internship positions, our Graduate Student Researchers will provide support to the projects outlined below, as well as additional support to the US Water Alliance team as needed. Graduate Student Researchers will also have the opportunity to attend and help shape the US Water Alliance's One Water Summit in July 2018, a thought-provoking and action-oriented convening of hundreds of water leaders from across the nation. This internship would be ideal for graduate students interested in water policy, infrastructure, sustainability, community development, public health, and social and economic equity.

Qualifications

- Current graduate student in related field—public policy, city planning, natural resources, etc.
- At least one year of experience in a research position
- Excellent research, writing, and communications skills
- Flexible, entrepreneurial, with the ability to work in a fast-paced environment
- For the Equitable Water Future position, experience conducting research with large government datasets such as the American Community Survey is preferred

Details

This is a paid internship for 10 weeks, 35 hours per week, with flexible start and end dates. \$850 weekly stipend. Possibility of school credit or integrating research with thesis projects.

How to Apply

Please send resume and cover letter via email to: HR@uswateralliance.org

Please include “Graduate Student Researcher” and which of the two internships you are applying to in the subject line of your email.

Project Descriptions

An Equitable Water Future

The initiative An Equitable Water Future aims to better understand, catalogue, and accelerate the adoption of promising programs and policies that improve outcomes for vulnerable communities through inclusive and integrated water management. This includes the Water Equity Taskforce, a two-year project that partners with water and wastewater utilities in 6 cities to develop equitable water management practices. The Taskforce is dedicated to building the organizational, policy, and partnership capacity of utilities, community organizations, and other stakeholders to make our nation’s water future more equitable. Participating cities will develop policies and initiatives focused on issues like water affordability, safe and accessible water, flooding, and climate resilience. The Alliance’s work on water equity also includes a project focused on extremely vulnerable and low-income communities in the US that lack access to clean, safe water and indoor plumbing. This project will use quantitative and qualitative data to build a better understanding of the water access gap, and highlight promising solutions.

Responsibilities

- Assist with the development of water equity reports for each city in the Taskforce, following the structure of US Water Alliance report [An Equitable Water Future](#)
- Assist with planning learning exchanges, workshops, and trainings for participating cities
- Assist with research on water access challenges in vulnerable communities around the country

Agriculture-Municipal Partnerships for One Water

Across the country, effective agriculture-municipal collaborations are underway to restore and maintain healthy watersheds and high-water quality in our streams, rivers, lakes, and coastal waterways. Watershed scale planning and monitoring, joint projects, market-based solutions, statewide nutrient strategies, and other initiatives are making progress, but the successes don’t match the scope and scale necessary. How do we scale up what’s working? To answer this question, the Alliance is undertaking a research and policy development project that considers how to accelerate effective agriculture-municipal collaborations through peer exchange, knowledge building, partnership development, and the co-creation of model programs and policies.

Responsibilities

- Research an array of model policies and programs related to sustainable water management
- Stakeholder interviews and analyses
- Develop policy position papers
- Assist with the planning of workshops and forums

The US Water Alliance is committed to building and maintaining a diverse staff and a welcoming workplace.