

FORTERRA

Great Communities Technical Assistance Intern

(Location at which this internship is based: **Seattle**)

About Forterra

Forterra, formerly Cascade Land Conservancy, fills a unique niche as the largest land conservation, stewardship and community building organization in Washington State. For over 20 years, Forterra has led efforts to conserve more than 173,000 acres of forests, farms, shorelines, parks and natural areas. It has partnered with dozens of communities across the region to protect and restore our neighborhood trails and parks and helped cities make smart choices about future growth.

Spearheaded by Forterra, the Cascade Agenda and Olympic Agenda form an innovative new approach to conservation that encourages collaboration across all sectors; balances environmental, social, and economic needs; emphasizes the link between vibrant cities and healthy rural lands; and uses creative new ways to protect land on a scale never seen before.

More information can be found at www.forterra.org.

Summary of Position:

Forterra's urban work focuses on education and engagement of stakeholders (citizens, city staff, and elected officials), advancing innovative policies and creating catalytic or pioneering projects. Intern will work closely with our communities team on researching urban policies, projects, and creating case studies to support technical assistance training for cities in the Puget Sound area on the Olympic Peninsula. Forterra has two grant-funded efforts underway to provide tools and training to promote smart growth in cities. Focus areas include Transit Oriented Communities, Complete Streets, Citizen Engagement, Urban Agriculture, Community Gardens, etc.

Required Qualifications:

- Excellent research, writing, and organizational skills
- Able to work with all types of people and organizations
- Self-directed, energetic, and entrepreneurial
- Academic or work experience in public policy, political science, or urban planning
- Proficiency with Microsoft Office and databases
- Local knowledge/experience of South King County preferred

Desired year in school:

Prefer graduate student in public policy or planning – or comparable level of work experience and skill. Forterra encourages applications from a diverse group of candidates.

Benefits:

This is an excellent opportunity to get hands-on policy research, analysis- and recommendation-writing experience, make connections in the local policy-change and nonprofit communities, and build a strong portfolio of research.

Start Date and Availability:

All interns will attend a group introduction and orientation session prior to starting their position. The actual position start date is flexible. Intern will be asked to make at least a 10 week commitment and work at least 16 hours per week.

We would prefer a 20 week commitment (through June 2012) to maintain continuity and successfully begin grant implementation.

TO APPLY:

Send a resume and cover letter of interest to the Internship Coordinator at intern@forterra.org.

The subject line should be in the following format: the name of the internship followed by your first and last name.