Resilience Intern

Closes: Open until filled with applications reviewed beginning March 2, 2020.
Status: Temporary part-time position up to 32 hours per week and up to 3 months; nonexempt FLSA status.
Salary: $21 per hour with limited benefits.
Timeline: Position to begin June/July 2020.
Location: Puget Sound Regional Council, Downtown Seattle, Washington

ABOUT PSRC:

The Puget Sound Regional Council is the regional transportation, growth management, and economic development planning agency serving Seattle and the central Puget Sound. The thriving region is home to over 4 million people and is one of the nation’s fastest growing metropolitan areas. PSRC brings together the region’s diverse counties, cities and towns, native tribes, ports, the state of Washington and civic interests to understand the challenges facing our region’s future and make plans for the region to continue to succeed. The agency serves as the region’s Metropolitan Planning Organization and is the regional leader for growth management, transportation, and economic development under state and federal laws. Visit www.psrc.org to find out more. PSRC is an equal opportunity employer.

THE INTERNSHIP:

PSRC is working to develop technical assistance and guidance materials to assist local jurisdictions to adequately prepare for the impacts of natural and man-made hazards, and to create resilient communities. Resilience is a key theme in VISION 2050, the region’s long-range plan for growth, and affects all areas and sectors.

PSRC is seeking an Intern to join its Transportation Planning Department to assist with a portfolio of work related to resilience. Projects will include development of a web-based regional risk and hazards map, research into state of the practice, and other duties as assigned to support the implementation of VISION 2050 and the development of the 2022 Regional Transportation Plan related to resilience. This is a unique opportunity to work on an emergent and dynamic topic.

The Intern will perform a variety of technical tasks and support planning activities under general supervision. The intern will conduct and synthesize research and data analysis, and support efforts to facilitate coordination among diverse stakeholders to increase consistency across various planning efforts.

THE CANDIDATE:

The ideal candidate will have the ability to:

- Conduct research and collect information on common hazard and risk data sets in the State of Washington.
- Proficiently use common software packages to analyze and transform data, such as Excel, relational database packages (e.g., Access, SQL Server, MySQL), ArcGIS, and Tableau. Experience with web mapping, ArcGIS Online, OpenStreetMap, and web-based visualization packages (e.g., D3, Leaflet) is of particular importance.
- Familiarity with commonly used environmental, demographic, and other planning datasets is a plus.
- Assist with research related to current hazard management and resilience practices in the central Puget Sound region and nationally.
Successful candidates should also possess:

- Excellent attention to detail, organization, and problem-solving skills, as well as aptitudes to work independently and as part of a team.
- Effective oral and written communication abilities to work with professionals, and agency staff.

EXPERIENCE AND EDUCATION:

- Enrollment in, or achievement of, a Bachelor’s/Master’s degree in urban planning, geography, environmental science, or related field.
- Or, at least one-year experience in urban planning, geography, and/or related field.
- Or, any combination of lived experience or education experience in a related field that would provide the applicant with the desired skills, knowledge, and ability required to perform the job.

TO APPLY:

- To be considered, applicants must submit a cover letter, resume, and completed, signed PSRC application.
- The voluntary and confidential Equal Employment Opportunity, Applicant’s Invitation to Self-Identify – Veteran Status, and Voluntary Self-Identification of Disability forms are appreciated for applicant tracking purposes.
- For application materials, please visit https://www.psrc.org/about/careers.
- Completed materials can be emailed to hrdept@psrc.org, faxed to 206-587-4825, or mailed to:
  Puget Sound Regional Council, attn.: HR, 1011 Western Ave., Suite 500, Seattle, WA 98104