

Sustainability (SUS) Minor Internships

Internships are available on campus, locally, and nationally. Standard internship requirements:

- 3 credits
- 120 hours of internship work study
- a focus on projects linked to sustainability

Internships may be used to satisfy some minor requirements, subject to approval by the Director of the Sustainability Minor.



Internships provide students with opportunities for hands-on experience to gain skill in applying concepts and practices of sustainability to projects on campus and in the community. Internships also allow students a chance to network and gain meaningful experience to add to their resume to promote job-market readiness. Some internships may be paid (through work study or other), others will be volunteer based.

Many internships are available through the Twardowski Career Center via [Handshake](#), the online platform for internship and job opportunities.

To apply:

- Meet with Sustainability Minor Director
- Secure internship with organization/company
- Complete required paperwork, IDS450 Internship Agreement, *before the start of the semester*

WCU Campus Sustainability Internships

Subject to time and availability of the given organization

- *Office of Sustainability*
 - Current ongoing paid internships
 - Sustainability Peer Educators – connect with other students to develop and promote sustainability projects. Chosen in spring for following fall semester. Appointment is for one academic year.
 - Garden – plant and tend our campus gardens. Chosen in January to start in February and then commit through the summer. Some summer-only positions available.
 - Gordon Natural Area (GNA) – help tend our preserved natural area. Chosen throughout the year.
 - Student Special Projects internships TBD
 - Help establish and run campus Thrift Store
 - Set up and manage end-of-year move-out donation program.
 - Sustainability SGA Senator to continue developing the Green Fund, an initiative to fund campus student-run sustainability projects.

- Sustainability Council Committee support: for example, Zero Waste
- *WCU Resource Pantry*

Local West Chester Community Sustainability Internships

- *West Chester Borough* – Sustainability Advisory Committee. Projects may include developing community outreach documents and social media (such as recycling instruction) or compiling information to help build a road salt monitoring and benchmarking plan.
- *Peirce Middle School* (West Chester) – aid teacher in sustainable development student projects.

A Sample of Past Local and National Internships (available through Handshake)

- Paid Internships
 - **Cleantech Internship Program** (Berwyn, PA) through Independence LED available in a variety of areas (Economics, English, Accounting, Finance, Human Resource Management, Management, Marketing, Communication and Media, Earth and Space Sciences, MBA Program); *part time*
 - **Environmental, Health & Safety** (Minneapolis MN) available through Dupont for Masters, Junior, Sophomore; *full time*
 - **Responsible Procurement Intern** (Wilmington, DE) available through The Chemours Company for Masters, Senior, Junior, Sophomore; *full time*
 - **Environmental Specialist Intern** (Newark, DE) available through The Chemours Company for Masters, Senior, Junior, Sophomore; *full time*
 - **CleanPack Specialist** (Avon, NY) available through Clean Harbors for Chemistry, Honors, Non-Degree Programs, Professional Studies Prog, Liberal Studies Program, Sophomore, Junior, Senior; *full time*
 - **Sustainability Advocate** (Providence, RI) available through Clean Water Action for Alumni, Senior, Junior; *part time*
 - **AMERICORPS Construction Crew Lead** (Norristown, PA) available through Habitat for Humanity of Montgomery and Delaware Counties; *full time*
 - **Innovation intern** (Trenton, NJ) available through NJ Economic Development Authority for Certificate Program, Second Year Community / Technical College, First Year Community / Technical College, Masters of Business Administration, Postdoctoral Studies, Doctorate, Masters, Senior, Junior, Sophomore, Freshman; *part time*
 - **Corporate ESG** (Philadelphia, PA) available through Comcast NBCUniversal for Sophomore, Senior, Junior; *full time*
 - **Circular Economy Intern** (Malvern, PA) available through Saint-Gobain for Economics, Accounting, Finance, Earth and Space Sciences; *full time*
 - **Air Enforcement Intern** (Camden, NY) available through NJ Department of Environmental Protection for Junior, Sophomore, Freshman, Senior, Masters; *full time*
 - **Geoscience Intern** (Trenton, NJ) available through NJ Department of Environmental Protection for Earth and Space Sciences Junior, Senior, Masters; *full time*

- **Stationary Sources Intern** (Trenton, NJ) available through NJ Department of Environmental Protection for Chemistry, Biology, Earth and Space Sciences, Pharmaceutical Product Dev. Doctorate, Masters, Senior, Junior; full time
- **Violence Prevention and Response** (Virtual Internship; Philadelphia, PA) available through Advocacy Academy for Psychology, Social Work, Special Education, Counselor Education, Literacy, Womens Studies, Health, Peace & Conflict Studies, Anthropology & Sociology, Social Work Graduate, Educational Found. & Policy St, African American Studies Prog, Youth Empowerment and Urban St, American Studies Program, Youth Empowerment and Urban Co, Freshman, Sophomore, Junior, Senior; part time
- Volunteer Internships
 - **Brandywine Zoo Conservation Education Apprentice Intern** (Wilmington DE) available through Delaware State Parks Internship Program for alumni or seniors; full time