



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 to secure a sustainable water future for all. We are driving a One Water movement—an approach to water stewardship that is innovative, inclusive, and integrated. As a national nonprofit organization, we:

- Educate the nation about the true value of water and the need for investment through the Value of Water Campaign.
- Accelerate the adoption of policies and programs that address our nation’s most pressing water challenges 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 by showcasing examples of sustainable, innovative, and integrated water resource management solutions through story-telling, cataloging and disseminating best practices, and spearheading special recognition programs such as the US Water Prize.

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

About our Graduate Student Researcher Position

The US Water Alliance is looking for **Graduate Student Researchers** for the fall of 2017 to provide research and writing support to advance key policy initiatives. During this paid internship position, our Graduate Student Researcher will provide support to the projects outlined below, as well as additional support to the US Water Alliance team as needed. This internship would be ideal for graduate students interested in water policy, infrastructure, sustainability, community development, public health, and social and economic equity. This is an opportunity to gain a deeper understanding of the interconnections between water systems, the environment, and racial and economic equity in the US, and to contribute to shaping more equitable and sustainable policies and outcomes.

Qualifications

- Current graduate student in related field—public policy, city planning, 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

Details

This is a paid internship. A minimum of 10 hours per week is required, with the opportunity to work up to 20 hours, with flexible start and end dates. \$25 per hour. 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” in the subject line of your email.

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

Project Descriptions

National Water Equity Taskforce

The US Water Alliance is undertaking a two-year project 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. The Water Equity Taskforce will work with water and wastewater utilities in 6-8 cities to accelerate the adoption equitable water management policies and programs. The Taskforce is dedicated to building the organizational, policy, and partnership capacity of utilities, community organizations, and other stakeholder to bend the course of our nation's water future to be more equitable. Participating cities will develop policies and initiatives focused on issues like water affordability, safe and accessible water, flooding, and climate resilience.

Responsibilities

- Research water management and equity issues in participating cities, as well as model policies and programs
- Assist with the development of water equity profiles for each city, following the structure of US Water Alliance report [An Equitable Water Future](#)
- Assist with planning learning exchanges, workshops, and trainings for participating cities

One Water Policy Initiatives

The US Water Alliance convenes the **One Water Hub**—a collaborative mechanism for water leaders who are driving a paradigm shift towards more sustainable, integrated, and inclusive approaches to water management. It is a platform for diverse, cross-sector leadership to accelerate their work on One Water through peer exchange, knowledge building, partnership development, and the co-creation of model programs and policies. The One Water Hub is the anchor of the Alliance network—it brings together diverse stakeholders who do not typically interact with one another, but can benefit from collaboration on common-ground solutions. With our members, we frequently undertake policy and program initiatives to accelerate the adoption of integrated water management.

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