

Conservation Finance Research Intern
Conservation Finance Program
The Trust for Public Land

The Trust for Public Land is a national, nonprofit organization that conserves land for people to enjoy as parks, community gardens, historic sites, rural lands, and other natural places, ensuring livable communities for generations to come.

The Trust for Public Land's Conservation Finance Program helps state and local governments design, pass and implement legislation and ballot measures that create new public funds to acquire and improve parks and conserve land. We've helped pass more than 570 ballot measures—with an 82 percent success rate—creating almost \$80 billion in voter approved funding for parks, land conservation and restoration. Every \$1 invested in this program has generated more than \$2,000 in new public funds.

We are also the nation's thought leader in conservation finance, producing the following key knowledge resources: State and local feasibility studies, LandVote®, ParkVote, the Conservation Almanac®, and the National Conservation Easement Database® (NCED), and partnership with the United States Geological Service's (USGS) Protected Areas Database of the United States.

We are seeking a Conservation Finance Intern to primarily support several key knowledge resources including comprehensive databases of public land conservation activities, ballot measure election results, and project tracking. The person in this position may also conduct or assist in research, writing, and technical analysis for reports that evaluate the potential of state and local governments to design public funding programs for parks and land conservation.

The selected applicant will be involved with data collection, entry, management, and, as needed, qualitative research, analysis and report writing. Research will involve policy review, literature searches and interviews.

Responsibilities:

- Overall support for TPL's Conservation Almanac and National Conservation Easement Database team in database building efforts by collecting, creating, and managing GIS data for protected lands in the United States.
- Contact government agencies to assemble acquisition data, including GIS shape files on local, state and federal land conservation programs nationwide, as well as developing a list of contacts in those states.
- Identify and collect information from stakeholders through email and phone contacts; gathering data and qualitative information from existing materials (e.g. journal articles, government reports, legal statutes).

- Support for written “Feasibility Studies” assessing the potential for local or state conservation funding throughout jurisdiction around the country.
- Conduct extensive Internet research.
- Format data for input into online databases.
- Outline state and local policy options that will best support land conservation.
- Perform other relevant duties, including some administrative tasks, as necessary.

Qualifications:

- Course work or experience in environmental studies, public policy, political science, GIS, or related area required.
- Superior communication skills required, especially in writing.
- Strong research and analytic skills required.
- Excellent organizational skills and attention to detail.
- Proficiency in Microsoft Word, PowerPoint and Excel required.
- Ability to work under pressure, juggle multiple tasks and meet deadlines.
- Ability to work as a team member.
- Ability to use good judgment, take initiative, and make recommendations in resolving problems.
- Demonstrated interest in and commitment to land conservation and parks.

Timing:

This is a part time, temporary position. The time frame is January through June 2020.

Location:

Boston, MA or Seattle, WA

Salary:

Position is for 20 hours per week at \$15 per hour.

Please send Resume and Cover Letter to:

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