

Earth House Center Environmental Justice Internship Program (Remote)

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The mission of Earth House Center, in Oakland, California, is to build healthy, just, and sustainable communities in our metropolitan regions. We accomplish this through multi-racial leadership development, education, training and multimedia communication. Earth House was founded in 1990 by Dr. Paloma Pavel and currently conducts local, national and international projects in a variety of print and visual media. In 2000, she was joined by Carl Anthony where they founded the Breakthrough Communities' project. The Earth House Center has worked with a series of environmental sustainability groups in the Pacific Rim, including Cambodia and Japan, and in the US supporting organizations working on issues of health, justice, education, environment, and metropolitan development. Our media projects help communities build capacity to transform their futures. We welcome your application to join us in cutting edge projects while building your own leadership, vision, and voice. We look forward to hearing from you!

Earth House Projects (Selected List)

- National rollout of book and community guide "*All In! Learning Action Guide for Climate and Racial Justice.*"
- Developing an educational curriculum and outdoor learning for climate justice in school districts with the California Environmental Literacy Initiative (CAELI).
- Coordination with University of California and California State systems for teacher development and training for the next generation of climate and justice leadership.
- Coordination with National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) and the National Organization of Minority Architects (NOMA) on sustainability, including support for the national competition on Social, Environmental, and Economic Design (SEED).
- Development of multimedia tools and resources for addressing the Green New Deal as well as the triple pandemic of COVID-19, climate change, and structural racism.
- Participation in climate regional action planning and response for sea level rise with government agencies and community-based organizations on the front lines.

Invitation to Apply

The Earth House Center is seeking undergraduate or graduate full or part-time interns to support its social and environmental research, consulting, publications, and project management with the possibility of an ongoing partnership. Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis. Interns accepted may begin work as soon as possible (on a remote basis due to the COVID-19 public health emergency). We also welcome applications from interested candidates who wish to work with us in the winter, spring, summer, or fall.

As an organization devoted to advancing environmental justice, Earth House internships provide an opportunity for the next generation of environmental and social justice leaders to advance this critical work in uncertain times. We strive to develop leaders through first-hand exposure to knowledge and insights from several decades of research and community building in the climate, social, and environmental justice fields using data and historic archival material. Working with

Earth House offers an opportunity to contribute to the field as well as enhance one's skills, community leadership, and professional development.

Roles and Responsibilities

- Managing a wide variety of consulting projects with numerous Bay Area nonprofits on topics of public health, sustainability, community development, as well as racial and climate justice.
- Writing, researching, publishing, and presenting in local, national, and international forums, including research proposals and publications for academic journals, conferences, and book submissions.
- Participation in policy development, as well as educational, movement-building writing and conferences with senior staff and partner organizations.
- Administrative support in a dynamic work environment.
- Designing and developing written and visual content for social media (such as newsletters).
- Earth House integrates interns into the day-to-day operations of the center, and interns are encouraged to attend Earth House sponsored workshops, seminars, roundtable, and other events.

Internship Qualifications

- A strong personal, academic, and career interest in sustainability, social justice, and climate change is desired.
- Current enrollment or recent completion of an undergraduate or graduate degree program. Due to the interdisciplinary nature of our work, a wide variety of academic backgrounds are suitable, including, but not limited to: Environmental Studies, Architecture, Urban Planning, Geography, Religious Studies, Journalism and Media, Public Policy, and any other candidates interested in advancing interdisciplinary social change.
- Strong communication skills, both written and verbal.
- Excellent interpersonal skills and professionalism. Able to navigate meetings and build relationships with a wide variety of public and community partners.
- Capacity to work alone, as well as part of a team, on projects at the local, national, and international level. Ability to track multiple projects with significant outcomes and deadlines.
- Previous experience with social or environmental justice, sustainability, and climate justice is highly desirable. This may include student organizations, classes, or past internships.
- Interest and familiarity with graphic design, project management software, and social media is a plus. A spirit of adventure, flexibility, creativity, and sense of humor.
- Capacity to work in an ADA accessible environment.
- Passion for public service and addressing some of the most pressing issues of our time.

How to Apply

Interested candidates should send a resume and cover letter to EarthHouseAction@gmail.com. Please address the subject line of your application with "Earth House Internship: [Your Name]". As this is a rolling application, successful applicants will be contacted immediately for an interview. Questions? Call (510) 469 – 7777.

Visit our websites <https://EarthHouseCenter.org/> and <https://BreakthroughCommunities.info/> to learn more.

Earth House is an equal opportunity employer that is committed to an inclusive, diverse organizational culture that values every individual. We welcome global applicants with an interest in our mission.

Background on Co-Founders:

- **Carl Anthony:** Visionary architect, regional planner, author, and social justice activist. Author of *The Earth, the City, and the Hidden Narrative of Race* (2017). Co-founder of Breakthrough Communities at the Earth House Center. Former President of the Earth Island Institute and Program Officer of the Community and Resource Development Unit at the Ford Foundation. He directed the Foundation's Sustainable Metropolitan Communities Initiative and the Regional Equity Demonstration Project in the United States. Co-founder of *Race, Poverty and the Environment* Journal, the first environmental justice periodical in the United States. Former faculty at the University of California, Berkeley architecture department. He has a professional degree in architecture from Columbia University, and in 1996 he was appointed Fellow at the Institute of Politics, John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University.
- **Dr. M. Paloma Pavel:** Eco-psychologist, author, educator. President of Earth House Center. Co-founder of the Breakthrough Communities Project and former Director of Strategic Planning and Communications for the Sustainable Metropolitan Communities Initiative at the Ford Foundation. Former chair of Organizational Development and Transformation Graduate Program at the California Institute for Integral Studies. Sierra Club Trailblazer Award (2016). University of California, Davis Community Leadership Award (2017). Member of the Regional Advisory Council for the University of California, Davis Center for Regional Change. While a Fulbright Scholar at the Tokyo Institute of Technology (2018), Dr. Pavel's research project focused on the Fukushima disaster. Publications include *Climate Justice: Frontline Stories from Groundbreaking Coalitions in California*; *Breakthrough Communities: Sustainability and Justice in the Next American Metropolis* (MIT Press); and *Random Kindness and Senseless Acts of Beauty* with a foreword by Desmond Tutu.