

Position	Cool Cities Fellow
Employment Type	Part-time, flexible schedule
Salary	\$5,250 for 480 hours (see below)
Location	735 East Michigan Avenue Lansing, Michigan 48912
How to Apply	All applicants must submit a writing sample, approximately one page, double spaced. Writing samples can include class papers, articles, short stories, etc.
Contact	Email resume, cover letter and writing sample to Karen Gagnon at gagnonk@michigan.gov
Websites	www.coolcities.com/internship.html

Internship Fellowship Description

The Cool Cities Initiative is searching for three motivated, detail-oriented individuals to serve as the Cool Cities Fellows. These individuals should possess strong communication skills, a desire to learn about cities' efforts to attract young residents, and an eagerness to offer thoughtful suggestions and critical analysis. This fellowship is an excellent opportunity for anyone interested in developing a better understanding of urban issues and state and local government.

Each successful candidate should be well-organized, proactive and confident. They should be able to balance organizational responsibilities with independent project management. Anticipated assignments include helping to oversee the Cool Cities Internship Program and assisting with other Cool Cities related activities, requiring some travel within the state.

Qualifications

- Excellent communication skills
- Ability to balance multiple assignments and meet deadlines
- Flexible
- Independence tempered by the ability to take direction and abide by a work plan
- Ability to interact professionally and communicate well with staff and associates
- Strong organizational skills evidencing attention to detail
- An excellent sense of humor (or at least the potential for one to develop)

Benefits to the Student

- Practical, real-world experience that will help you to transition into a successful career in either the public or private sector
- Opportunities to network with a wide variety of stakeholders throughout the state
- Learn about the State of Michigan's role in strengthening urban neighborhoods
- Learn to create and implement solutions to key young-person attraction challenges
- Fun and flexible work environment!

Hours

Hours will be flexible. The position demands a limited number of hours per week during March and April, with approximately 20 hours per week from May to August.

Timeline

Deadline to apply is March 5, 2010.

Organizational Background

Cool Cities is a comprehensive program that works to build community prosperity, grow investment in financial and human capital, attract a talented workforce to Michigan, and retain the state's college graduate population. There are several theories inherent to the logic of the initiative:

- The economy today is driven by knowledge;
- Worker preferences for residential locations matter;
- The concentration and agglomeration of firms, and workers, facilitate the flow of information and knowledge exchange; and
- How a region grows physically effects how it grows economically, and how it grows economically effects how it grows physically.

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