Summer 2017 Climate and Solar Ambassador Program
Internships Now Available

The Los Alamos Study Group (lasg.org) is pleased to announce a limited number of openings this summer for interns in our new Climate and Solar Ambassador program. This summer program, which will be based in the Study Group’s Albuquerque office, will begin on May 29th and run until August 4th (10 weeks).

The program will combine direct practical industry experience as well as “cross-training” in selected climate, energy, and political topics. At the end of the program, interns will present their findings and experience in one or more public forums and to New Mexico political leaders and candidates. Academic credit may be available if applicants arrange for it.

Interns will gain not only knowledge and experience in climate issues and renewable energy but also experience, knowledge, and skills relevant to policy intervention, community activism, and business development generally. There will be individual and/or team projects, within a highly-supportive group structure. Participants will make significant contributions in marketing and sales, in issue analysis and lobbying, and in community organizing.

Interns will be supervised by Study Group staff and by mentors from our solar industry partners. Training will be provided by the Study Group, our solar partners, cooperating non-governmental organizations, and issue experts we will invite via Skype from across the country.

The Study Group’s husband-wife staff team, together with our supportive board of directors and community members, provides balance, maturity, and extensive activist and technical experience. The working environment is warm and focused.

There will be a minimum of five and a maximum of nine interns. Room and board will be provided either on-site or nearby in home-stays for non-local applicants. A stipend of $500/month is available for U.S. citizens and holders of work visas. Bicycles will be provided if needed.

Most qualified candidates will be college graduates or upper division undergraduates. Candidates of all adult ages are encouraged to apply. Diversity of all kinds is welcome and will help the program.

Interns will:

• Expand their knowledge of the converging climate and energy crises in a supportive, practical, group context;
• Acquire contacts and connections (local and national);
• Develop analyses and methods and/or fresh ways to communicate to key audiences on cutting-edge energy and climate issues;
• Present publicly to these audiences;
• Learn the basics of the solar photovoltaic industry and how to effectively advocate for renewable energy, energy efficiency, and energy conservation;
• Approach residences and businesses to discuss solar generation, efficiency, and conservation solutions;
• Help link up existing nonprofit organizations and faith communities in innovative ways that combine climate and social policy with sound business and economic development;
• Communicate some of the linkages between climate and energy issues, social justice, and militarism;
• Educate congressional staff and members of Congress, the news media, our membership, and other organizations; and
• Have a great time working, learning, and serving the community with like-minded people!

These internships will be challenging and highly rewarding. If you think you might be interested, please send a short letter of application explaining why you are interested plus a resume or curriculum vitae with references to Trish Williams-Mello, Operations Director, Los Alamos Study Group, either by mail to the address below or by email to twm(at)lasg.org. We are looking forward to hearing from you!

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