cityLAB is hiring 2021-22

cityLAB, an urban design research center housed within UCLA AUD, is seeking new collaborators for Summer 2021 and the 2021-22 Academic Year.

Now entering its 15th year, cityLAB’s wide range of projects situate and enact interventions for spatial justice in contemporary urban issues, urban design, and the architecture of the city. Combining rigorous scholarship, design excellence, and practical implication with formal explorations and theory, our projects link community partners, government actors, and students & educators to new ways of visualizing and activating policy, design, and programmatic interventions.

BruinHub

The BruinHub is a space of rest and community for students with extreme commutes designed and enacted by cityLAB researchers, faculty collaborators, and an expansive team of UCLA partners. As we continue to construct the BruinHub on campus, emerging partnerships with Los Angeles County and health experts imagine expanded models (Place2Be) proliferating throughout the LA region.

coLAB

Our newest initiative, coLAB, emphasizes the role of embedded research in designing for spatial justice. Located in the Westlake/MacArthur Park neighborhood, we collaborate with community partners representing a range of age groups (Heart of Los Angeles [HOLA] after school enrichment, Camino Nuevo K-12 school group, and St. Barnabas Senior Services) to develop new research methods and reimagining public space.

School Lands Housing

Following cityLAB’s success in co-authoring State Bill AB2299, which allowed Accessory Dwelling Units in every backyard, School Lands for Housing takes a similar approach to proposing and densifying housing in underutilized space. Mixing policy research with the groundbreaking potential to visualize new modes of living (particularly for students and educators), this project confronts affordability, equity, and sustainability.
Undergraduate Fellow

A year-long mentorship for outstanding BA in Arch students who demonstrate design excellence, and express interest in and aptitude for design research and spatial justice considerations. Undergraduate fellows split time between project-specific research work and assisting with the core needs of cityLAB: developing communication and outreach materials, presentation outlines, and maintaining cityLAB’s online presence.

Graduate Fellow

A year-long Fellowship covering in-state tuition for an outstanding M.Arch I student who has demonstrated both design and research excellence, is a strong leader capable of initiating and guiding independent projects or supporting key cityLAB work, and has strong writing skills and a history of collaborative work.

Researcher

Researchers partner with a core team member on a project-by-project basis to produce supporting papers/pamphlets, diagrams, imagery, community meeting materials, etc. Researchers must have strong research skills, and either excellent writing or design capabilities (both preferred).

Research Associate

Research associates are rising researchers or graduates of the Urban Humanities Initiative who are experts on the specific methodologies used in our work. Research Associates both contribute to and help shape projects, exhibitions, workshops, and more. Research Associates have strong research skills, excellent writing or design capabilities (both preferred), work well in teams or pursuing independent research, and can communicate clearly with project partners.

Please email citylab@aud.ucla.edu with:

- Resume
- 1-2 paragraph cover letter indicating areas of interest and experience
- 3-project portfolio (Undergrad, M.Arch, MSAUD), short writing sample (MA, PhD)

*All positions follow the relevant UCLA pay scales

Apply by Friday, May 28th