cityLAB is hiring 2022-23

cityLAB, an urban design research center housed within UCLA AUD, is seeking new collaborators for Summer 2022 and the 2022-23 Academic Year. This application is for continuing and incoming UCLA AUD students only.

Now entering its 16th 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.

Not Just Dorms

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.

cityLAB Westlake

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.

Place2Be

Los Angeles is coping with perpetual crises that occur with increasing frequency, ranging from the daily crisis of housing-insecure residents falling into homelessness to the need for cooling stations during heatwaves and charging stations during power outages. Residents need a “place to be.” One that is easy to locate, access, and use, offer shelter without stigma, and become familiar to neighbors before an emergency and welcoming in a disaster. Functioning like an oasis, these sites are the first point of contact in times of need.
Open Positions 2022-23

Graduate Fellow
A year-long Fellowship covering in-state tuition for an outstanding M.Arch 1 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.

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.

*Note*
Graduate students will be automatically considered for all Research & Fellowship positions. Undergraduates will be considered only for the Undergraduate Fellowship.

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.

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

*All positions follow the relevant UCLA pay scales

Apply by Monday, May 9th