CoLab’s Empathetic Aesthetics Program, which facilitates connections between urban planning resources and expertise and the social justice projects of community-engaged artists, is exploring the potential of art to impact place. We are doing this by developing a series of partnerships which includes the following project:

**Popular Education Tools for Anti-Displacement Project.** Funded by the Surdna Foundation, CoLab and Research Action Design (RAD) have worked in partnership with three community organizations in East Boston (City Life/Vida Urbana), Chelsea (GreenRoots) and Everett (Everett Community Health Partnership), to co-design an Anti-Displacement Toolkit that draws on aesthetic methods to amplify the voices and experiences of communities threatened by displacement. Over the past year the partners have brainstormed strategies for working with different types of data, stories, and facts, and identified desired delivery platforms and communication channels that will resonate with their constituencies. For example, one of the tools currently in development is a short film that tells a regional story about displacement. This resource will be screened at meetings for resident organizers and spark conversation that connects different municipalities and communities.

**Job Title:** Anti-Displacement Intern

**The opportunity:** In collaboration with CoLab, RAD, and community partners the anti-displacement intern will work to identify priority areas for toolkit development. Priority areas may include conducting research on alternative ownership models, surveying communities about key areas of need, or performing a field scan of resident led anti-displacement campaigns. Potential projects may include the following:

- Developing case studies based on research about community driven strategies & tactics to prevent displacement both domestically and abroad.
- Compiling relevant research and resource guides for partners with interests in community land trust site selection, governance, financing, and model building
- Creating a resource sheet for identifying mission-aligned capital sources, generating and vetting development scenarios, performing due diligence for development site(s)
- Conducting research on innovative financing solutions and ownership models for development of Community Land Trusts, other forms of deeply and permanently affordable housing and other mechanisms for building shared wealth

**Responsibilities:**
The intern will support the co-design of the anti-displacement toolkit through activities that may include:
- Conducting research on model tools
- Analyzing and synthesizing primary and/or secondary data into memos, reports and other communication materials
- Participating in team and relevant partner meetings

**Required Skills and Experience:**
- Current graduate students in urban planning, public policy, real estate, economics, or other relevant fields preferred
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills
- Experience working with quantitative data analysis, including Excel
- Interest in qualitative methods, including interviews, participant observation and focus groups
- High level of cultural competency and experience in diverse and multicultural settings
- Familiarity with debates and research in the areas of real estate development, community economic development, and gentrification
- Ability to multi-task with attention to detail

**Preferred Skills and Experience:**
- One to two years of experience working in urban studies and planning, community organizing/engagement, housing and real estate development, data analysis, or project management
- Experience working in Boston metropolitan area housing and real estate and/or community-based organizations
- Experience developing popular education tools
- Bilingual: English and Spanish preferred

The selected intern can expect to work 10 hours/week at $19.50/hr. The intern will work closely with staff from MIT CoLab and project partners, and must be based in the Greater Boston region.

**Application Process:** To apply please submit a resume, cover letter, and writing sample (or other relevant materials) to Taylor Cain at tcain@bu.edu. Applications are due by January 27, 2019.