Research Internship - Environmental Governance

Want to build solutions addressing climate change, biodiversity loss, water scarcity and land degradation? Eager to learn how multi-stakeholder dialogue can transform governance to get at the roots of environmental resource conflict, poverty and vulnerability? Committed to research that provides practical support to partners empowering citizen engagement in Asia, Africa and Latin America?

About CoRe

Collaborating for Resilience is an international, non-profit, entrepreneurial change initiative working to address resource competition, and strengthen governance and livelihood resilience in interconnected resource domains and landscapes, including agricultural lands, forests, fisheries, inland waterways and coastal zones.

With partners we foster innovations that sustain critical ecosystem services, build resilient local economies and increase social and economic well-being:

- **We partner for change** to accelerate innovations by supporting leading social entrepreneurs and organizations working in different natural resource and livelihood domains.
- **We build capacity to drive innovation** by designing learning processes that link multiple sectors and multiple regions, and create avenues for local innovations to influence policy reform.
- **We derive evidence to influence investment at scale**, harnessing action research, capacity building, and outcome evaluation to shift patterns of investment and deliver social, economic and environmental gains.

The opportunity

This is a part-time, unpaid internship suitable for current graduate students and recent graduates. A minimum commitment of 15 hours per week is required over the course of one semester. Academic credit will be accommodated, according to requirements of your degree program. Interns will work at CoRe’s office at the Open Gov Hub in downtown Washington DC, which hosts a range of organizations working on democratic governance, citizen engagement and social justice. Remote appointments will be considered for exceptionally well-qualified candidates.
Learning outcomes

You will gain experience in:

- Applied research on cutting-edge topics in environmental governance. Current program areas include landscape restoration, small-scale fisheries, multi-stakeholder platforms, and citizen engagement in policy reform.
- Design and implementation of monitoring and evaluation protocols, aimed at building evidence of program performance and supporting learning and adaptation.
- Conducting interviews with practitioners, supporting remote dialogues, and synthesizing priorities for partnership.
- Drafting and review of practitioner guidance materials, policy briefs, blogs and other materials to communicate research insights to a wider audience.

Qualifications

- Pursuing or recently completed a Master's degree in a relevant field. Examples include public policy, environmental policy, environmental science, economics, law, political science, international development, international relations, sociology, anthropology and geography.
- Excellent research and writing skills, including ability to present complex information in a concise manner.
- Demonstrated understanding of and commitment to international cooperation and imperatives of social and ecological resilience.
- Familiarity with Microsoft Office suite.
- Language skills are an advantage, including French, Spanish, Hindi and Arabic.

How to apply

Please send a resume and cover letter noting your specific areas of interest, qualifications and motivation for this role to jobs@coresilience.org, with "Research internship" in the subject line. Please include a recent, unedited sample of your writing. Incomplete applications will not be evaluated. Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis.

CoRe is an Equal Opportunity Employer and encourages applications from U.S. minorities, persons from other countries, especially in developing regions where we work, and women of all backgrounds.

A stipend will be provided to cover costs incurred. Applicants must have personal health insurance coverage. We are not able to sponsor interns for U.S. work visas.