

# INTERNING WITH THE CANADIAN URBAN INSTITUTE

## From Research to Action: Building Capacity for Healthy Communities Since 1990

The Canadian Urban Institute (CUI) is a non-profit applied research organization dedicated to achieving healthy urban development.

We help the public and private sectors:

- build capacity for informed, creative decisions;
- shape public policy; and
- implement the best community practices.



We apply knowledge developed over nearly three decades of experience in Canada and internationally. We visualize data and organize information to understand relationships. We generate insights and recommendations to inspire action.

## HISTORY

For more than thirty years, CUI has offered students and recent graduates exposure to work experience that improves their employability, interpersonal skills and transition to the workforce. CUI interns can expect to work with project teams on a range of projects to help support ongoing project work and the conceptualization of future work.

Our focus is on solutions for the built environment that balance human, ecological and economic impacts.

### **Our Services: Research, Solutions, and Knowledge Sharing.**

#### **1. Research: We explore data and experience.**

We carry out research to help communities identify needs and opportunities. We collect and analyze relevant data from disparate sources to help understand local context. To develop benchmarks, we analyze best practices and real-world lessons from community experiences. We are experts at organizing information to uncover and communicate patterns and relationships.

#### **2. Solutions: We solve problems.**

To develop practical solutions to issues confronting communities, we lead cross-disciplinary teams assembled from our staff and network of associates. By bringing diverse interests and expertise together, we seek to inspire holistic problem solving. We design our work to provide communities and stakeholders with a clear path forward.

#### **3. Knowledge Sharing: We facilitate and educate.**

Through community consultations, focus groups and interviews, we engage directly with stakeholders to resolve growth and development challenges. We create and manage partnerships to transform industry practices. And hold events to share expert thinking and promote discussion on a variety of urban policy issues.

## ROLE DESCRIPTION

We are looking for interns to do the following:

- Support work with [Applied Solutions Lab](#) and program staff
- Collect and analyze data
- Conduct research, generate best practice findings and develop policy options
- Stakeholder engagement
- Employ knowledge of planning and policy to support CUI's projects.
- Prepare concise and well-structured written documentation including developing visualizations
- Work with CUI staff and other interns to achieve strategic and program goals

Current and recent projects include:

- Measuring main street vitality
- Office to residential conversions
- Housing, mobility and land use policy research
- Municipal economic development strategy
- Major infrastructure construction impact on neighbourhoods and mitigation

## QUALIFICATIONS

- Ability to work independently and with a team.
- Currently enrolled in Urban Planning, Public Policy, Urban Design, Architecture or similar program with focus on urban issues
- Strong academic performance and exemplary research and writing skills.
- Excellent communication skills.

## WORK PARAMETERS

Interns will work with various project managers. To maximize the learning experience, it is desirable for interns to be able to work in-person part of the time (Toronto or Ottawa). Interns will be remunerated for their work. Summer interns are expected to work 20-37.5 hours per week for 8-12 weeks. Specific start/end dates and terms are negotiable.

## DEADLINE TO APPLY FOR CONSIDERATION FOR SUMMER POSITION IS MARCH 8, 2024

For more information and to apply for consideration, please submit a CV with cover letter to Greg Spencer: [gspencer@canurb.org](mailto:gspencer@canurb.org) and Jennifer Barrett: [jbarrett@canurb.org](mailto:jbarrett@canurb.org)