

Research Internship: Fall 2026

Urban Green Council, a non-profit organization working to advance sustainability in the urban built environment, has an excellent opportunity for a highly motivated and enthusiastic individual passionate about contributing to the growing green building movement.

As NYC's go-to nonprofit for sustainable building policy, Urban Green convenes key stakeholders around today's most pressing issues for buildings. We helped shape many aspects of NYC's major building emissions law, [Local Law 97](#), in 2019 and continue to help the city implement the law with data-driven research and analysis. Urban Green's Research Department helps shape industry and government policy by framing discourse on essential elements of deep carbon reduction and other key energy efficiency and renewable energy issues. Examples include our reports [Cool Switch](#), [Grid Ready](#), and [Going Electric](#).

The Research Intern Role

Urban Green is seeking a self-motivated and highly capable Research Intern for the fall to help the Research Department tackle climate change by driving green building progress in New York. Urban Green Council works at the front-edge of building sustainability and energy efficiency research. We focus on energy use in NYC to uncover trends and solutions needed to dramatically cut carbon emissions now. One of our main research topics for 2026 is on the relationship between building electrification and affordability.

The Research Intern will support the Research Department's ongoing projects with tasks related to report production, data analysis, data visualization, and administrative support. Candidates should be able to take on multiple projects and work independently with flexibility, attention to detail, and creativity. The position will provide broad exposure to ideas at the forefront of urban sustainability and the opportunity to positively impact the future of New York City.

Key Responsibilities

- Research and analyze issues related to Urban Green's initiatives, including building electrification, building energy benchmarking, and environmental justice.
- Examine raw data and perform analyses; including building, economic, and demographic data.
- Communicate ideas simply and effectively through writing.
- Attend meetings and take notes to distill key takeaways.
- Perform administrative tasks as required.
- Volunteer at Urban Green events.

Required Qualifications/Skills

- Enrolled in a Bachelor's or Master's Degree program in a relevant field.

- Strong interest in and understanding of green buildings, energy efficiency, climate change and environmental issues.
- Familiarity with research, analysis, statistics, and/or data management: experience in GIS, mapping, or other geographic tools strongly preferred.
- Ability to convey technical concepts through clear and relatable communication to audiences of varying knowledge levels.
- Proactive with a strong work ethic.
- Detail-oriented, able to work independently on multiple tasks.

Additional Skills (optional):

- Background in geography, architecture, economics, engineering, data science, construction, sustainability, or related field.
- Proficiency in R, SQL, or other statistical packages.
- Proficiency in Canva, Adobe Suite, or other graphic design software.
- Experience in creating content for social media (Instagram infographics, short-form video, etc)

This position will be largely remote, but will require regular visits to the Urban Green office for select tasks and meetings.

Reimbursement funding for this program is provided by the [NYSERDA Clean Energy Internship Program](#). Students must meet all NYSERDA eligibility requirements listed below in order to be considered.

NYSERDA Eligibility Requirements

To be eligible for the Clean Energy Internship Program, you must qualify as at least one of the following:

- An individual currently attending or who attended a degree program at a college or university, located in New York State within the last 12 months as of the date of the intern application.
- A current New York State resident attending or who attended a college or university outside of New York State within the last 12 months as of the date of the intern application. New York State residency, with proof of residency such as rental agreement or utility bills, must have been established prior to the start of the internship.
- A current New York State resident who is at least 16 years of age and is a member of a [disadvantaged community](#) and/or [priority population](#).

You must also meet these eligibility requirements:

- Must reside in New York State, and within commute distance of downtown Manhattan, for the duration of the internship term
- Must not have held another internship through the NYSERDA program

Compensation

Fall interns are expected to work 15-18 hours per week for 14 weeks and are paid \$18-20/hour. The internship term will run from Sept 14 through Dec 11. All Urban Green interns are extended complimentary invitations to Urban Green educational programs and events. They will also receive a one-year Urban Green membership upon completion of their internship.

How To Apply

Please complete this [application form](#). You may reach out to jobs@urbangreencouncil.org with any questions, but applications received by email will not be reviewed.

During the application process before being offered the position with Urban Green, candidates must also apply to the Clean Energy Internship Program [here](#) and be approved by NYSERDA.

Organizational Values

- **Excellence:** We strive for innovative high-quality programs and ideas.
- **Inclusion:** The diverse voices and backgrounds of our employees, board of directors, members, and partners make us stronger.
- **Collaboration:** We believe consensus delivers better solutions and teamwork is essential to our success.
- **Engagement:** We promote a culture of performance, participation, and curiosity.

Diversity, Equity & Inclusion

Urban Green Council is proud to be an equal opportunity employer and does not discriminate based on race, religion, color, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, age, veteran status, disability status, or any other applicable characteristics protected by law. We celebrate diversity and are committed to building a team that represents a variety of backgrounds, perspectives, and skills. People from all diverse backgrounds are strongly encouraged to apply.

If you need a reasonable accommodation during the application or interview process, please email jobs@urbangreencouncil.org.