Environmental Center Internship  
Durango, Colorado

The Environmental Center (EC) at Fort Lewis College is accepting applications for an intern. The EC intern is a multifaceted position designed to provide professional training in all aspects of environmental non-profit work with a specific focus on engaging the campus community on sustainability issues. The EC intern will gain experience with outreach and public involvement, media and communications, organizing events and educational programs, managing campus and community projects, fundraising, and administration. The Environmental Center Intern is a full-time position lasting from August 15, 2011 to May 7, 2012. The intern will work under the supervision of the Environmental Center Coordinator in the Fort Lewis College Department of Student Affairs.

The College and Community: Fort Lewis College is Colorado’s public liberal arts college. Almost 3,700 students pursue Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science degrees in 26 degree programs. The College is proud of its work on sustainability issues and enjoys its location in the culturally and ecologically diverse Four Corners region. Fort Lewis College offers over 70 environmental courses, including a growing Environmental Studies degree program. The geographical location of Fort Lewis College provides unequaled outdoor recreational opportunities for students, staff, and faculty. Durango is located on the edge of the San Juan Mountains and the Colorado Plateau and has a population of 15,000 people.

The Program: The EC is a student-funded program that has been on the campus since 1991. The Center works to strengthen students’ commitment to a socially and ecologically-responsible world by connecting them with opportunities to create change on campus and in the community. Through the Center, students work on one of six staff teams: local food, zero-waste, climate action, sustainable business, sustainability outreach, and communications. Leadership training and student empowerment is a specific goal of the Center as is connecting environmental and social justice issues. Students at the Center are involved with community gardens, environmental journalism, greenhouse gas inventories, composting and recycling, and buy local campaigns.

Qualifications: Candidates should be in final stages of an undergraduate degree program or already possess their bachelor’s degree. Candidates should have some knowledge of environmental concerns on college campuses. Previous experience with a college/university environmental program or club, environmental studies department, or campus recycling program is desired.

Required
- Demonstrated ability to form a positive and supportive relationships with diverse groups of students
- Ability to take initiative and work independently to solve problems
- Experience with planning and implementing events and educational programs, including public speaking
- Experience mentoring and supporting students, through peer counseling, coaching, or similar experiences
- Ability to work on multiple assignments, meet deadlines, and keep track of details
- A positive attitude, sense of humor, and strong commitment to environmental and social justice issues

Additional Skills/Qualifications
- Work experience with a college/university sustainability program and/or residential housing program
- Experience organizing, managing and motivating volunteers
- Experience developing creative programs and activities to engage the general public
- Competency with MS Word, Excel, Outlook, Publisher, Adobe Photoshop, and Web editing programs

Compensation: The Environmental Center intern will earn a stipend of $1,000/month plus some benefits. The intern is also eligible for an Americorps education award of $2,362.50 upon completion of the internship. The position requires a flexible work schedule, including some nights and weekends.

To Apply: Send a cover letter which addresses the qualifications of the position, résumé, and contact information for three references (current letters of recommendations are acceptable). Also required is a one-page statement about your approach to building community among students interested in changing the world. Send all materials to: EC Intern Application, Fort Lewis College Environmental Center, 1000 Rim Drive, Durango, CO 81301, 970-247-7091. A complete application packet may also be emailed to envcenter@fortlewis.edu.

Complete applications must arrive by May 13, 2011 to receive initial consideration, but feel free to contact us after the deadline to find out if we have filled the position. FLC is an AA/EEO employer. Women and people of color are encouraged to apply.