ENVIRONMENTAL LAW POLICY INTERN

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Position Title: Environmental Law Policy Intern
Organization: The Public Policy Initiative of the Mike and Maureen Mansfield Center, UM
Number of Positions Available: 3
Location: Missoula, Montana
Hours per week: Expected work load of 150-200 total hours, depending upon experience. Start/End Dates: Flexible dates beginning in May 2010 and continuing throughout the summer.
Compensation: Grant funding available in the amount of $2,000.

Position Description

To assist in the development of ProjectGreenBook (PGB), a practice-oriented research site for people interested in compliance with, or the development and implementation of, environmental law. The site will provide access to actual laws from around the world, as well as international agreements and analyses from leading experts. To learn more about the project, see projectgreenbook.org.

Interns will collate, organize, and develop structured assessments of the laws related to the subjects of climate change, forestry, or wildlife for input into the PGB. The assessments would be designed to provide varying levels of information which have fundamental implications for eventual project work. For example, work related to climate change might focus on the following:

What types of law constitute climate change legislation? What do these types of laws need to do to?
How many countries have laws directed at climate change? What are these laws?
What subjects do they cover?
How do laws for a particular country compare to our “best practices” list?
What do these laws mean in the context of a given country’s carbon footprint?
**Supervision**

Interns must work well independently. Following initial training, interns will work independently with supervision by the project director.

**Qualifications**

**Student Standing:** Available to both undergraduate and graduate students with a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or better. All majors are acceptable, though preference applies for students studying in the Law School, College of Forestry and Conservation, and Environmental Studies, or with a minor in climate change.

**Computer Skills:** Computer literacy is required, with strong capabilities in Word and pdf files, and the ability to transfer material between the two. An office and computer are not provided, so interns will require access to a computer with a fast internet connection. Familiarity with web design and database management also a plus, as interns will work with an IT person to make sure that their work is being uploaded and incorporated into the site appropriately.

**Language Preference:** Spanish, Chinese, French and Russian. Foreign language ability is not required but is helpful. Interns will primarily be accessing an open domain website, [www.ecolex.org](http://www.ecolex.org), which operates in English, French and Spanish. Additional research will be required, primarily on governmental web sites, though additional web research may be required.

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