Environmental Filmmaking Internship - Fall Semester 2015

Internship Available
The Utah Rivers Council is offering an Environmental Filmmaking Internship for the 2015 Fall Semester.

Organizational Background
The Utah Rivers Council works to protect Utah’s rivers and clean water sources for citizens and wildlife. The URC has had many successes in protecting Utah’s rivers and promoting water conservation throughout the years, including protecting river from proposed diversion dams and authoring the Utah’s first water conservation law. Much of the URC’s recent success has involved citizen outreach through short online videos aimed at engaging Utahns on water issues, allowing us to build up a professional video production with multiple workstations.

2015 is the fourth-consecutive year of drought, now is a critical time for Utah’s rivers. The Environmental Filmmaking Intern will assist in all aspects of production during the URC’s array of video and digital outreach projects promoting the organization’s campaign work.

Environmental Filmmaking Intern
Assorted duties will include a mix of film as well as work on the URC conservation programs and outreach efforts. Responsibilities include assisting in development, production and postproduction of video projects for the Council, assisting with outreach, research about water supply and helping on publications related to the URC’s campaign work. Filmmaking duties include capturing and collecting footage, assisting in production planning, helping with editing and post-production, and promoting videos on current Utah water policy.

Programmatic work responsibilities of the intern may include researching water conservation efforts across the West, engaging in public outreach through the URC’s RainHarvest program, organizing and managing volunteers and volunteer projects, updating the Utah Rivers Council website, and assisting in other research efforts and outreach campaigns focused on western water policy. Interns may also be asked to help represent the URC at public events and outreach opportunities from time to time. This is an excellent opportunity for a student seeking an education on the basics of grassroots filmmaking and sustainability issues in the water sector. This internship is an introduction into the world of non-profit environmental work and a good opportunity to network with professionals in the environmental arena.

Skills Needed
Course work related to western water policy, general civics knowledge, attention to detail, excellent organization skills, strong computer skills, comfort with multi-tasking, effective writing, and an interest in protecting Utah’s amazing rivers! Candidates with a familiarity with film editing software or basic video production are preferred, but not required.

Compensation & Hours Available
8-20 hours per week are available; class credit possible and compensation may be available depending on experience. Scheduling of hours will be during regular business hours, but we are flexible according to class schedules and workload.

To apply
Send a cover letter explaining your interests and background, resume and a short video sample (if available) to: Gordon Rowe, gordon@utahrivers.org, Utah Rivers Council, 1055 East 2100 South #204 Salt Lake City, UT 84106.