Internships Available
The Utah Rivers Council has an Energy & Water Research Internship position available for Fall Semester 2016.

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 its 21 year history, including authoring the Water Conservation Plan Act, Utah’s first water conservation law.

Energy & Water Intern
The Energy & Water Research Intern will assist in activities and tasks that promote the URC’s programs with state and federal agencies and through local governments in an effort to protect Utah’s precious rivers. Responsibilities of the intern will include conducting an in-depth research project focused on the hydropower and pumping capacities of the proposed Lake Powell Pipeline, and assisting in other research efforts focused on western water policy, the Lake Powell Pipeline and the Bear River Water Grab. The fall of 2016 will be a critical time for Utah’s rivers with the Lake Powell Pipeline proponents in the midst of the application process for federal approval of the river diversion. This research will be instrumental in further evaluating the financial and logistical feasibility of the proposed diversion while critically engaging proponents’ claims that these capacities will be self-sustaining. 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 to expand their education on water supply, western water politics and sustainability issues at the intersection of the energy & water sectors. This internship is also an introduction into the world of non-profit environmental work and an opportunity to network with professionals in the environmental field. The student will gain a glimpse into what a career with an environmental organization entails and gain real world experience in grassroots advocacy. Several of the URC’s past interns have gone on to become staff members for the organization.

Skills Needed
Course work related to western energy &/or water policy, research experience, attention to detail, excellent organization skills, strong computer skills, comfort with multi-tasking, effective writing and public speaking skills, self motivation and an interest in protecting the rivers of Utah!

Hours Available
9-15 hours a week are available; unpaid but class credit possible. Scheduling of hours will be regular 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 (1 to 2 page) writing sample to: Nick Schou, nick@utahrivers.org. You may also be asked to provide one to two references after you apply.