Internships Available
The Utah Rivers Council is seeking to hire an Intern to help implement our Climate Change Adaptation Project for both Spring and Summer Semesters of 2018.

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 authoring the Water Conservation Plan Act, Utah’s first water conservation law.

Climate Adaptation
The Utah Rivers Council is researching and recommending policy changes for Utah government agencies to adopt to prepare for the many impacts of climate change upon our watersheds. As our air temperatures increase, a cascade of problems impact Utah’s watersheds including snowpack reductions, runoff decreases, flooding events, hot droughts, water quality degradation and many, many other challenges. While some of these subjects have been well-studied, state and local agency leaders may not be aware of these impacts or how to adapt to these challenges.

In 2012 the Utah Rivers Council prepared a climate adaptation plan for Utah after examining how agencies outside Utah are preparing for the impacts of increased air temperatures. We are revising and expanding this adaptation plan, called Crossroads Utah. This Climate Adaptation Internship will be working to help revise and expand this climate adaptation plan by researching successful climate adaptation strategies being implemented in other communities outside Utah, evaluating their success and summarizing these activities for inclusion in the second edition of Crossroads Utah.

This is an excellent opportunity for a student seeking an education on the basics of western water policy, climate change adaptation policy, western water politics, and sustainability issues in the water sector. 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 insight into a career with an environmental organization and gain real world experience in grassroots advocacy.

Skills Needed
Course work related to climate change, western water policy, general knowledge of civics, attention to detail, independent research skills, excellent organization skills, strong computer skills, comfort with multi-tasking, effective writing speaking skills, and an interest in climate change!

Hours Available
9-15 hours a week are available; unpaid but class credit is 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: Zach Frankel, zach@utahrivers.org. You may also be asked to provide one to two references after you apply.