Economic Development Internship

The Greater San Marcos Partnership (GSMP) is currently seeking an Economic Development Intern to work in our office up to 20 hours a week. GSMP has a fast-paced work environment and we seek talented employees who crave learning new skills and aren't afraid to tackle big projects. As an intern you will get to work with a variety of our executive staff and board members, and will work on real projects that will help you grow professionally.

Who We Are:

The Greater San Marcos Partnership (GSMP) is the regional economic development corporation that was established in 2010 to encourage and nurture economic growth in the fast-growing corridor between Austin and San Antonio, Texas. Our service area includes the City of San Marcos, and all of Hays and Caldwell Counties. Our mission is to enhance and diversify our area economy through business attraction, retention, workforce development, and marketing as defined in our five-year strategy, Vision 2020. GSMP promotes the region around the U.S. and internationally to attract high quality companies in addition to working with our existing companies through an active business retention and expansion program.

What You Will Learn:

The Economic Development Internship is structured to provide the intern with substantial—and transferrable—skills and experience to progress professionally and personally. The intern will be involved in priority initiatives and gain experience working with a diverse set of stakeholders across multiple sectors (city government, public-private partnerships, private business and community organizations).

They will also develop important skills and experience as they work on the planning, development, and implementation of projects identified in GSMP’s Vision 20/20. The Economic Development Intern will also gain professional and personal experience while engaging in the community at large. The Intern will attend GSMP events—such as Innovation Summit and Economic Outlook—as well as professional networking events and informal social opportunities taking place in the Region.

The goal is for the intern to gain a holistic and authentic experience working for and serving in a diverse community. The Economic Development Internship is ideal for undergraduate and graduate students (currently enrolled or recently graduated) seeking careers in city planning/management, policy & politics, economic & community development, urban development or real estate. The program is designed for ambitious individuals seeking not only to build a strong resume, but also to make an impact on the community as they further develop important skills critical to a successful career.

What We Require:

Eligibility for GSMP’s Economic Development Internship Program is limited to:
● Undergraduate students currently enrolled or recently graduated (Spring 2015/Summer 2015) from an accredited, 4-year undergraduate institution and major/concentration in Economics, Business Administration, Political Science, Geography, Planning/Urban Studies, or related field.

● Graduate students currently enrolled or recently graduated (Spring 2015/Summer 2015) from an accredited graduate degree program in Economics, Planning, Public Policy/Administration, Business Administration/Management, Geography, or related field.

The ideal candidate will:

● Have strong interests in cities and community development, urban development, real estate, business, public policy or economics.

● Have strong interpersonal and written communication skills, time competency and organization skills, and a drive to practice and further develop skills learned in the classroom and/or through experience;

● Be an ambitious self-starter seeking to use the opportunity to develop both personally and professionally, gain new perspectives and experiences, and make a lasting impact on the community in which s/he is serving.

How to apply:

This is a paid internship based on an hourly rate. The internship will end in May of 2016.

To apply please submit your resume, cover letter and any relevant writing samples to Victor Garza, Director of Existing Business, Entrepreneurship, and Talent at victorg@greatersanmarcostx.com, 1340 Wonder World Dr. San Marcos, Texas 78666.