



INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITY

Aging-Friendly Communities Planning and Research Spring 2020

ORGANIZATIONAL OVERVIEW

Founded in 1987, New Jersey Future is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization that promotes sensible growth, redevelopment and infrastructure investments to foster vibrant cities and towns, protect natural lands and waterways, enhance transportation choices, provide access to safe, affordable and aging-friendly neighborhoods and fuel a strong economy. The organization does this through original research, innovative policy development, coalition-building, advocacy, and hands-on strategic assistance. The organization is based in downtown Trenton, N.J. For more information please visit www.njfuture.org

INTERNSHIP DESCRIPTION

New Jersey Future is looking for an intern to assist with research under the Creating Places to Age in New Jersey program, including, but not limited to, the following:

- **Case studies**
Help New Jersey Future (NJF) complete case studies that highlight examples of municipal strategies in New Jersey to diversify housing options, specifically or effectively, for their older populations. Local ordinances associated with housing options include those that allow for land uses such as accessory dwelling units, shared-housing, multi-family dwellings or inclusionary zoning. The case studies will be published on NJF's website and may be incorporated into an NJF guidebook to implementing aging-friendly land use. The intern will be provided with interesting case study leads and must complete the case study by making phone calls, sending emails, conducting interviews and web-based research, and possibly site visits. The intern must follow-up with case study contacts to ensure each case study is completed within an agreed-upon timeframe. Applicants must be able to take ownership of a project and demonstrate excellent research, interpersonal and written communication skills.
- **Policy considerations**
Consider state policy recommendations. During the course of conducting case studies, a consideration of common state policy obstacles or incentives that affect municipal housing policies and plans will identify focus areas for policy research and highlight policy frameworks that promote municipal actions that lead to greater housing options.
- **Innovative Strategies**
Research applicability in New Jersey of various innovative programs to make housing more affordable and/or suitable for an aging population, such as loan-free equity building, property tax relief or universal design.

Applicants should be flexible, resourceful and able to take the initiative on tasks. The intern will have an opportunity to meet, work and participate in various policy discussions with New Jersey Future staff as well as attend meetings with Creating Places to Age in New Jersey program partners.

The intern will report to Tanya Rohrbach, Community Planning Manager.

REQUIREMENTS

Internships may be full-time or part-time but applicants should be available, at a minimum, an average of 8 to 12 hours per week for 10 weeks. The position requires coming to Trenton at least once per week, depending upon the project.

COMPENSATION

This position is unpaid but travel expenses up to \$500 will be reimbursed.

Interested candidates should submit a cover letter and résumé to Tanya Rohrbach at trohrbach@njfuture.org.

At New Jersey Future, we embrace differences and advance fairness as core components of our mission and operations. We are committed to ensuring equitable outcomes in our work internally, externally, and programmatically in order to nurture powerful ideas and realize meaningful social change. All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply and will be considered for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or national origin.