

NEW YORK CITY

MAYOR'S OFFICE OF SUSTAINABILITY

The Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) Research Internship is available during September through December 2015.

Organization Description

The New York City Mayor's Office of Sustainability (MOS) is responsible for developing and implementing citywide sustainability initiatives outlined in OneNYC and coordinating efforts to reduce citywide greenhouse gas emissions by 80% below 2005 levels by 2050. For more information visit: www.nyc.gov/sustainability

Project Description

This fall, the City of New York (City) will launch the Energy and Water Retrofit Accelerator Program, a coordinated outreach and assistance program to help private building owners and decision-makers implement efficiency retrofits and clean energy investments. The goal of the Retrofit Accelerator is to proactively generate demand for clean energy investments, but that demand needs to be tailored to a suite of targeted financing options. Ultimately, the development of a Property Assessed Clean Energy, (PACE) Program here in NYC can provide an alternative financing mechanism to reach the scale of investment we need to see to be on track to reach an 80 x 50 greenhouse gas savings goal. This internship will focus on the technical, programmatic and regulatory components that are critical to the development of a successful New York (City) Pace Program. Specifically, the internship position will entail the following tasks:

- Catalog key programmatic features of other successfully established PACE programs nationally
- Identify and strategically engage with City and private entities that play a critical role in PACE execution
- Assist with coordination and outreach to commercial banks
- Act as a liaison between MOS, NYCEEC and other critical program partners

Qualifications

Eligible candidates must be currently pursuing a Master's Degree. Although not required, the successful applicant will likely have one or more of the following academic or professional experiences: environmental policy, environmental science, economics, finance, public policy and/or administration, urban studies or urban planning, political science, energy policy, data analysis, urban science and informatics, and/or engineering. Applicants must have overall ability to conduct analytical work with significant attention to detail as well as excellent written and oral communication. This includes moderate to advanced knowledge in Microsoft Office (pivot tables, data arrays, ThinkCell, macros, etc.).

An ideal candidate will have a strong interest in building energy efficiency, sustainability, finance and using data to influence policy. The candidate is strongly encouraged to review more information about other successfully established PACE programs nationwide through PACENow, a non-profit advocate for PACE financing. A background in energy efficiency finance or commercial banking is a plus, although not a requirement.

The intern will work under supervision of a Policy Advisor and guidance from the Deputy Director for Green Buildings and Energy Efficiency. The internship is unpaid and half-time, 18 hours, from September through December 2015.

To Apply:

Please submit to alewis@cityhall.nyc.gov the following:

- The subject line "PACE Research Intern – Full name"
- A one page cover letter highlighting aspects of your experience that are relevant for this position, and explain why you are interested in working with our office
- A one page resume

Deadline:

Applications will be accepted until the position is filled. The position is anticipated to start in early September. The City of New York is an Equal Opportunity Employer.