Black/Land Project

Title of Project: “Black/Land Ontologies Convening” Project/Event Support Intern

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Duration: Minimum of 180 hours.

Deadline: April 7, 2017

Location: Students will work virtually with The Black/Land project team. Team members work virtually from locations across the US. The Director will be available for meetings in person, by Skype and by telephone.

Position Description:
Convening Support Intern

Commitment: Flexible work hours with firm deadlines.

The Black/Land Project gathers and analyzes stories about the relationship between black people, land and place in America, and shares that information with a wide audience. Black/Land Ontologies is a two-day national convening of thought leaders, land-based practice practitioners, and organizational and community leaders from across the U.S. gathered to engage in cross-cutting dialogues and leading edge thinking about the unique and valuable ways black people understand their relationships to land.

Before you apply, learn more about us by reviewing our website and blog at BlackLandProject.org. Applicants who have not reviewed the website, and who do not display and understanding of our mission, vision and programming will not be considered.

Convening Support Intern will report to the Director and work with the Director and other members of the convening team to plan the Winter 2017/18 Black/Land Ontologies gathering.

Intern responsibilities include:

- Assisting the Director, conference coordinator and Planning Committee in coordinating the Black/Land Ontologies planning calls, meetings and tasks
- Plan, coordinate, and execute communication about the convening using MailChimp, Social Media, and other media outlets.
- Coordination with convening partners, convening participants, sponsors and supporters
- Working with a team to plan and execute all logistical items for the convening
- Prepare logistics documents and post event evaluation
- Other duties approved by supervisor.

Qualifications:
Applicants should have:

- Willingness to work in virtual team environment. (Black/Land does not have a physical office.)
  High-contact supervision is available via conference call, Skype, and webinar.
Ability to ask for and follow directions; comfortable asking for clarification and support; knows how to work independently and as part of a team.

Prefer knowledge of one or more of the following fields: urban planning/design, geography, public policy, digital humanities, African-American history.

Intermediate/high skills in producing professional quality written materials.

Access to, and skill in using, MSWord, Excel, Access, PowerPoint, email, SquareSpace, MailChimp, social media platforms including FacebookLive, Twitter, YouTube, Instagram.

Excellent command of written and spoken business English is required. Written or spoken French, Spanish, Portuguese, Haitian Kreyol, Kriolu, or Gullah/Krio is a plus.

Housing: Housing will not be provided. Students are responsible for finding their own housing.

For more info: Please, visit: http://www.blacklandproject.org/

Funding: $2500 Available through the LEEP Fellows Program.

How to Apply:
Email MSmith@BlackLandProject.org with “Program Intern” in the Subject Line.

Review the position description. In the body of the email, give a concise description of the skills you have to offer, and the things you would like to learn in return.

Attach your resume as a Word or PDF document.

To apply for LEEP Funding and to be considered as a LEEP fellow, students must secure the position and complete the LEEP Fellows Application Process by March 3 (for early decision) or April 14th. Students will be required to submit a resume, cover letter, and a proposal outlining how they will complete their project.

Additional position information is available through Clark Recruiter. (Recommendation letters should be emailed directly to rmaddox@clarku.edu)

About the Organization:
Black/Land gathers and analyzes stories about the relationship between black people, land and place. The purpose of the project is to identify and amplify the current critical dialogues surrounding the relationship between black people (including African-Americans, Caribbean-Americans AfroLatino@s and African immigrants) and land. The relationship to land may be a fifth generation family farm in the Alabama Black Belt or a neighborhood in Detroit. A public park, a church filled with local history, or an immigrant community’s journey from one place to another are all stories about black relationship to land and place. Black/Land is the first national project whose focus is sharing the powerful traditions of resourcefulness, resilience and regeneration those conversations contain.

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