



COMMUNICATION AND OUTREACH INTERNSHIP

Defending Against Dirty Fossil Fuels

Internship Description

The Environmental Defense Center is looking for an intern to join our team to help gain broader statewide and national attention on our work protecting the Central Coast from the threats of dirty fossil fuel extraction and production. This position is designed to expand our communications capacity to more effectively engage the UCSB community and the public.

The intern will help us translate our advocacy work into compelling outreach, thereby building stronger connections and empowering more people to participate in our efforts to safeguard the coastal and marine environment. This intern will support, learn about, and participate in EDC's work on fossil fuel threats and other issues through direct outreach, student and community organizing, and creation of communications materials that may include social media content, fact sheets, graphics, videos, messaging, and promotional materials for key events, rallies, and hearings, with the purpose of making these efforts more visible and impactful overall. Opportunities may include acting as a liaison with existing groups on campus, helping to organize and promote events on or off campus, and contributing to the creative writing and visual aspects of our campaigns. This position will provide a broad introduction to nonprofit communications and public engagement.

The intern will report directly to Assistant Director, Betsy Weber, and will have the opportunity to work with other organizational staff, including conducting potential interviews of our attorneys and environmental analysts. This is a great opportunity for someone with a passion for environmental protection, conservation, and community engagement and who is interested in nonprofit administration, communication and outreach.

Qualifications

Candidates should be committed to environmental protection, making a difference in our community, and have an interest in event planning and non-profit administration. The ideal candidate will be an excellent verbal and written communicator, be digitally fluent (social media platforms, Canva, etc.) and will be adaptable, collaborative and have the ability to manage multiple tasks effectively while supporting organizational goals. This is an opportunity for the intern to learn and gain a better understanding of how the non-profit world works, learn more about EDC's mission and how our work directly impacts the community we live in.

Time Requirements

The internship requires a commitment of a minimum of 10 hours per week for two quarters.

The intern will work in EDC's downtown Santa Barbara office.

Compensation

In addition to the training and education that will be provided by EDC staff, EDC agrees to pay the intern \$16.90/hour, paid twice a month.

Application Procedure

Please submit a cover letter and resume to Betsy Weber at Bweber@EnvironmentalDefenseCenter.org. Application deadline is Wednesday, January 26, 2026. Expected start date is the second week in February.

About the Environmental Defense Center

The Environmental Defense Center defends nature and advances environmental justice on California's Central Coast through advocacy and legal action. Since 1977, we have represented more than 140 nonprofit, community-based organizations working on issues throughout Santa Barbara, Ventura, and San Luis Obispo counties. Our program areas include land & water, ocean, climate & energy, and environmental justice.

Come join a fun team and be a part of making a difference in protecting our local environment! Visit www.EnvironmentalDefenseCenter.org for more information.

EDC is proud to be an equal opportunity employer and is committed to cultivating a diverse and inclusive work culture. We believe that a diverse workforce improves our ability to assist our clients; enhances intellectual engagement; inspires innovation and creativity; and promotes skills like critical thinking and problem-solving. EDC is dedicated to hiring a diverse team of qualified individuals with respect to gender identity (including gender expression), race, sexual orientation, family status, religion, ethnicity, age, physical abilities, and other factors. EDC will also make reasonable accommodations for qualified individuals with disabilities.