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Sustainable Communities Internship Program

Building Tomorrow's Sustainability Leaders While Solving Today's Community Challenges

What if you could simultaneously strengthen Atlanta's sustainability ecosystem, access Georgia Tech's exceptional talent, and invest in the next generation of community-engaged problem solvers? The Sustainable Communities Internship Program (SCIP) makes this possible.

SCIP bridges the gap between Georgia Tech's innovative undergraduate and graduate students and organizations working at the forefront of sustainable community development. Every summer, we place talented students with sustainability partners across Atlanta and the Southeast—community-based organizations with small teams but big impact. Their work spans climate and resilience, environmental education, women's and youth empowerment, conservation, energy, migrants, and beyond. These placements provide partners with crucial capacity while giving our students hands-on experience co-creating real solutions for sustainable communities.

HOW IT WORKS

Our 12-week summer program (mid-May to mid-August) offers undergraduate and graduate students the choice of part-time (15-20 hours/week) or full-time (30-40 hours/week) placements with partner organizations. But SCIP is more than just an internship—it's a comprehensive learning experience grounded in three core themes: the UN Sustainable Development Goals, social innovation, and equity. Interns participate in weekly seminars that alternate between on-campus professional development sessions and site visits throughout the community, developing both technical skills and a deeper understanding of community-engaged sustainability work. We cover the full stipend ($9,000 per full-time intern in Summer 2026), ensuring that partner organizations receive essential capacity building at no cost to them. This model allows community partners to focus their resources where they matter most: advancing their mission.

WHAT STUDENTS ARE SAYING

"I was immersed in many initiatives and gained experience in fields I would have never expected. In my second week I was calibrating air monitoring systems, collecting and synthesizing data, and after a few weeks, I taught what I learned to high school students. This is only one example of a quick turnaround from learning to applying."
— **2025 SCIP Intern**, CHARRS (Community Health Aligning Revitalization, Resilience, and Sustainability)

"Being able to interact with others in the community and get to know their backgrounds helped me better understand Atlanta and gain new perspectives. I learned what issues people go through, but also what resources are available and how they can be used to uplift the community. I am proud of the relationships I made—I've gone back multiple times since the end of the internship and every time it feels like just going to another space that feels like home."
— **2025 SCIP Intern**, ArtsXchange

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A POWERFUL PARTNERSHIP

SCIP represents the best of Georgia Tech's commitment to community impact. Led by the Center for Sustainable Communities Research and Education (SCoRE) and the Georgia Tech Office of Community-Based Learning, the program is co-sponsored by the Strategic Energy Institute, the Renewable Bioproducts Institute, the Office of Commercialization, Brook Byers Institute for Sustainable Systems, and Sustainability Next.

Learn more at the SCIP Website

WHY SPONSOR SCIP?

Develop Exceptional Talent: Our interns come from all six colleges at Georgia Tech, bringing sophisticated socio-technical skills combined with a genuine commitment to community collaboration. These aren't just students seeking résumé lines—they're future leaders passionate about positive impact.

Support Next-Generation Sustainability Innovation: SCIP partners are at the cutting edge of community-led sustainable solutions, tackling everything from air and water quality to food systems to STEM education. Your sponsorship amplifies their work and accelerates progress on critical challenges.

Cultivate Social Entrepreneurship: Through our partnership with Georgia Tech's Office of Commercialization, SCIP connects deeply with Atlanta's entrepreneurial ecosystem. Interns develop both a sustainability solutions-mindset and community engagement skills—precisely the combination that forward-thinking organizations need for their future.

INVESTMENT LEVELS

We've designed flexible sponsorship options to meet diverse organizational interests and capacities:

Single Internship Sponsor — $9,000
Support one student's transformative summer experience while building a connection with emerging GT talent.

Thematic Cohort Sponsor — $18,000–$36,000
Fund 2-4 interns working on aligned projects within your area of interest (energy, water, food systems, environmental justice, etc.), creating deeper impact around specific sustainability challenges.

Program Sponsor — $310,000
Power the entire SCIP experience, supporting 30+ interns and positioning your organization as a champion of Georgia Tech's community engagement and sustainability leadership.

JOIN US

Whether you're a Georgia Tech center looking to deepen your community connections, a corporation seeking to engage with sustainability innovators, or a foundation committed to building capacity in Atlanta's nonprofit sector, SCIP offers a meaningful way to invest in both people and planet.
These students are building the future of sustainability—one community partnership at a time. We invite you to be part of their journey.

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