The City of Santa Cruz’s award winning Climate Action Program is part of the City Manager’s office. Since its inception in 2007, the program is tasked with the implementation of the City’s Climate Action Plan and meeting its 12 climate action milestones. Working collaboratively across all City departments and within the community, program priorities for 2016 include efforts aimed at reducing community and municipal energy and transportation emissions through projects, policy and programming. More information about the program can be viewed at its website.

The City of Santa Cruz Climate Action Program is seeking two Climate Action interns for fall quarter to support the program in implementation of the City’s Climate Action Plan. These fall quarter positions are unpaid, for credit internships with a preferred availability of 6 to 12 hours per week to be worked at City Hall during business hours between Tuesday and Friday each week. Applicants must demonstrate a positive attitude, the willingness to learn and attention to detail. Candidates must be junior or seniors with demonstrable experience and/or coursework relevant to the position to which you are applying.

Climate Action Intern Position 1 – Outreach and Communications
As the outreach intern, you will assist the Sustainability and Climate Action manager in laying out and drafting a new quarterly internal newsletter, planning the social media calendar and posts, make revisions to and create new collateral materials, conduct outreach to the public on the program and support other communications within the program.

This intern will receive professional mentorship in outreach and communications skill development, learn policy and processes of civic government, and gain exposure to a fast-paced, goal oriented work environment.

Climate Action Intern Position 2 – Energy and Climate Analytics
As the energy and climate analytics intern, you will assist the Sustainability and Climate Action manager in two short term projects. First, you will prepare a comparison of efficacy of the City’s existing solar marketplace to new, improved state tools recently launched. Second you will analyze the 2015 City employee commute data, preparing summary statistics and graphics to be used in the City’s Municipal greenhouse gas inventory and program collateral. There is the potential to support other data analytic needs of the program as well, depending on the completion pace of the two primary projects.

This intern will receive professional mentorship in data collection and analysis, learn policy and processes of civic government, and gain exposure to a fast-paced, goal oriented work environment.

If you are interested, please send an introductory email indicating which position to which you are applying and include a resume or CV to the Sustainability and Climate Action Coordinator, Tiffany Wise-West at twise-west@cityofsantacruz.com.