

CITY OF SANTA CRUZ: CLIMATE ACTION PROGRAM



GENERAL INFORMATION

- **Agency:** City of Santa Cruz: Climate Action Program
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- **Phone:** 831-420-5433
- **Keep on File:** 1 yr
- **Quarters:** Summer
- **Website:** cityofsantacruz.com/climateactionplan
- **# of Interns/Hrs:** 3 interns, 6 hr/week
- **Address:** 809 Center St, Santa Cruz

INTERNSHIP DESCRIPTION

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 has been tasked with the implementation of the City's Climate Action Plan and meeting its 12 climate action milestones. This program is seeking three Climate Action interns for summer 2019 to support the Resilient Coast Initiative.

Addressing climate change effects such as rising tides, intensifying coastal storms, and erosion, Resilient Coast Santa Cruz is a collaborative initiative led by the City of Santa Cruz to develop a vision for coastal management to address these pressing coastal issues. This initiative includes two projects: the West Cliff Drive Adaptation and Management Plan and also the Development of Local Coastal Program Strategies & Policies to Support Beach and Public Access Protection. These projects will lead to implementation of adaptation projects and policies and also collect comprehensive information about current beach uses and management, in order to address effects felt within Santa Cruz and also to integrate this data into a Local Coastal Program Update.

This initiative invites residents of Santa Cruz to document their values around coastal recreation, transportation, ecosystems, natural resources, climate change and sense of place through creative and interactive community engagement techniques. Interns will conduct Coastal Use Surveys, collect observational data along coastal regions, conduct parking surveys, and assist in outreach projects and events for the Initiative.

PREREQUISITES

Applicants must demonstrate a positive attitude, a willingness to learn and attention to detail. Applicants must have reliable transportation to and from survey sites. Knowledge and sensitivity of socially vulnerable populations are desirable, as well as past experience in community outreach. While not required fluency in Spanish is a plus.