

CityStudioSTL 2022 Summer Graduate Fellowship

The CityStudioSTL Fellowship provides funded opportunities for students to work with a local firm to address socially engaged challenges in St. Louis.

For summer 2022, the Graduate Fellowship seeks one graduate student to work with PGAV Planners. For the 12-week project, the fellow will be paid a \$8,500 in two \$4,250 installments.

Position Details

Graduate Fellowship: PGAV Planners

PGAV Planners specializes in helping communities arrive at land use and development solutions by relying on urban planning experience, market analysis and development finance expertise. Our ethos is implementation. Our passion is helping our clients create lasting community assets. Founded in 1965, PGAV Planners is headquartered in downtown St. Louis.

Our clients are, for the most part, municipalities and local governments. We provide urban planning consulting services; leading planning efforts for neighborhoods, downtowns, corridors, and entire cities. We provide development finance consulting services; helping our clients understand the fundamentals and mechanics of development finance. We also provide GIS services; helping our clients see the characteristics of their neighborhood spatially to encourage understanding.

Past fellows have worked on corridor planning and design projects in the St. Louis region, planning proposals for neighborhood parks, and wayfinding studies.

The successful candidate should possess an understanding of urban land use economics, urban design, landscape architecture, and GIS (preferably experience with 3-D GIS tools and applications). He or she ought to be able to interact capably and confidently with members of the public and firm leadership.

The fellow will work collaboratively as a member of the PGAV Planners team. It is anticipated that the Fellowship will take place in person in the Downtown St. Louis office if public health considerations allow. Regardless, engagement with the public will be required in some format.

The point of contact and primary supervisor will be Catherine Hamacher.

Eligibility

Current Sam Fox School architecture, landscape architecture, or urban design graduate students or recent graduates (December 2021 or May 2022, US citizens or green card holders) are eligible to apply. The Fellow must be located in the US for the duration of the Fellowship and must confirm location requirements with the firm. All applicants must be in good standing with the University. Applicants must be pursuing a master's degree.

Applicants should have an understanding of urban land use economics, urban design, and landscape architecture. Applicants should be able to interact capably and confidently with members of the public and firm leadership. Experience with Adobe Suite and GIS tools encouraged.

Timeline

February 28, 5p — Applications due
June 6* — Fellowship begins
Late June — Midpoint check-in
Mid July — Final check-in
August 12* — Fellowship ends
September — Concluding event or feedback provided

*Dates may vary and are established between the firm and fellow

Program Expectations

Interview applicants will be expected to:

- **Coordinate and schedule** an interview with the firm
- **Respond in a timely manner** to communications to and from the firm
- **Disclose other possible conflicting summer opportunities**

Fellowship recipients will be expected to:

- Complete a 12-week civic or social change project in St. Louis at the host firm, working actively with firm staff to complete assigned project(s).
 - Work average 40 hours/week in the host firm office.
 - Participate in host firm social and professional development activities.
 - Attend at most 3 lunches/meetings with Office for Socially Engaged Practice representatives during the summer to discuss experiences and opportunities.
 - Share Fellowship experiences with other students in fall 2022 and spring 2023.
 - Provide feedback on the Fellowship program.
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Payment Information

The CityStudioSTL Graduate Fellow will receive two \$4,250 stipends for the completion of their project work, totaling \$8,500. The first stipend will be available in May, and the second will be available in early July, pending successful participation in the program to that point. To receive these payments, the recipient may need to submit materials to the Sam Fox School Business Office.

Payments provided for the purpose of assisting the recipient in the pursuit of study or research may be treated for tax purposes as a grant. If the recipient is a US citizen or considered a resident alien for US tax purposes, then the transaction is taxable and reportable in the US and will be reported on a stipend letter.

If the recipient is to a nonresident alien for tax purposes for activities in the US, then the transaction is subject to withholding and is reported on Form 1042-S. The withholding amount

for taxable payments to nonresident aliens is 30% by statute; however, taxable grants provided to nonresident aliens in J or F visa statuses are afforded the reduced rate of 14%.

Application

Candidates will be evaluated based on their capacity to participate in a professional context, relevant skills to the projects proposed, interest in socially engaged work, and engagement with St. Louis. Top applicants will be interviewed by the sponsoring firm, which will select the Fellow.

Please submit all application materials (digital only, PDFs preferred) to Emily Coffman, Curriculum and Outreach Coordinator, Office for Socially Engaged Practice (ecoffman@wustl.edu).

Application Materials

Please include the following materials as a PDF:

- + Fact sheet that lists the following information:
 - Name
 - Expected graduation date
 - Major/degree program
 - Home address
 - Student ID number
 - Email address
 - Phone number
 - How did you hear about the CityStudioSTL Fellowship? List all that apply: social media, e-news, email, flyer, recommendation from friend, recommendation from faculty, other (please specify).
- + Resume
- + Cover letter (***cover letters to be directed to Catherine Hamacher, Project Manager***)
- + Portfolio (link to an online portfolio is acceptable)

Deadline

Applications and supporting materials must be submitted to **Emily Coffman** at ecoffman@wustl.edu by 5p **Monday, February 28**.