



Greater Camden Partnership Urban Policy Fellowship

The Greater Camden Partnership is pleased to announce its new Urban Policy Fellowship Program. GCP is seeking a qualified post-graduate fellow who will work in-residence at GCP with primary responsibility for developing key policy initiatives in the area of collaborative anchor institution-led urban development.

Background

For more than two generations, the city of Camden, NJ, saw significant disinvestment, the exodus of its middle class and the resultant social and physical deteriorations that are typical in a declining urban core. Over the past ten years, however, the city has seen significant revitalization as it begins to embrace an economic development strategy that leverages its key competitive advantages, with a particular focus on its core group of health-care and higher-education "anchor" institutions.

There are many examples of urban areas that have undergone revitalization led by the economic development power of anchor institutions. In most cases, however, these urban areas were home to at least one large, well-resourced anchor. Camden's anchor institutions are more moderately sized, and they do not have the same pool of resources that a large, private university/hospital system could draw from.

To counter this, Camden's anchor institutions have come together through the Greater Camden Partnership to pursue a collaborative, anchor-based economic revitalization strategy.

Fellowship Description

The GCP Urban Policy Fellowship is a nine-month fellowship that will allow the fellow to develop key policy initiatives that give shape to a new model of collaborative anchor-led development. The fellowship may be extended based on successful performance by the fellow and the availability of additional funding.

The fellow will have three complimentary tasks:

- To work with representatives from the city's anchor institutions (GCP Board of Directors) in developing a series of policy initiatives that increase the impact of the anchors on human development across the city (e.g. local hiring and sourcing policies/programs; retail and housing incentive programs; partnerships with public schools)
- To work with GCP's partners in city, county and state government to develop and implement policies that are supportive of anchor-led development (e.g. tax policy and incentives; project approval processes; criteria for allocation of discretionary funding)

- To document discrete aspects of the collaborative anchor-based development that is transforming the city of Camden through a series of at least three articles or working papers

The fellow will work directly under the GCP President and will work with the President to develop a specific research and publication plan for the period of the fellowship.

Compensation

Compensation will be consistent with an entry-level professional position. Health benefits are available.

Timeline

- Applications will be accepted through January 29, 2010, although applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis.
- The fellowship is funded from February through October. This period could be shortened to conclude in August only in the event that a fellow begins/resumes full-time academic study for the 2010 Fall Semester.
- Based on the fellow's successful performance and the availability of additional funding, the fellowship may be extended.

Skills and Requirements

- A graduate degree in law, public policy, planning or another related field
- Exceptional writing skills
- Strong interpersonal skills
- Demonstrated interest in the field of urban development
- Relevant work experience is a plus

How to Apply

Interested applicants should send a resume, cover letter, and writing sample (**no calls please**) to: jobs@greatercamden.org. Please include "GCP Urban Fellowship" in the subject line.

Or to :

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