

Greenovate Composting Fellowship

Greenovate Boston is the City's initiative to reduce greenhouse gas emissions 25% by 2020 and 80% by 2050 and prepare for the impact of climate change. It is a community-wide movement that seeks to engage all Bostonians in achieving these goals, while continuing to make Boston a thriving, healthy, and innovative city. A Greenovate community composting program was piloted in 2014, and met with significant success. The City now seeks to leverage that success and scale the program up.

The Greenovate Boston Composting Fellow will help grow the City of Boston's new community compost program, through extensive education, outreach and stakeholder engagement. This unique program is the City of Boston's first effort to divert food waste on a large scale. If successful, it can influence food waste diversion policies everywhere. Specifically, the fellow will:

- Create outreach materials
- Organize and facilitate 2-3 community outreach events
- Measure and track participation rates and evaluate the program.
- Present recommendations for the program's next steps.
- Write a case study (white paper and presentation) on the program to share with other cities via networks such as USND and C40.

(There is an opportunity for an extended research project, such as a Master's thesis, based on this Fellowship. For example, such a project could explore whether participation in this program leads to other behavior changes, such as increased energy conservation or recycling, and raises overall environmental consciousness. We encourage applicants to consider how this work could be tied to their academic program and long-term research.)

Location: City Hall, Boston, MA

Time commitment: 40 hours per week, June 1-August 14, 2015

Qualifications:

- Enrolled in an undergraduate or graduate degree program. Academic background in environmental science/policy, public policy or communications preferred.
- Exceptional communication and interpersonal skills
- Basic understanding of the composting process
- Some experience with community organizing and program management
- Graphic design experience a plus
- Demonstrated ability to work well independently and on a team

This fellowship is an opportunity for a highly skilled and motivated student to contribute to a unique and exciting model effort. Fellows can anticipate gaining the following:

- Community outreach experience
- Program development and evaluation
- Community meeting facilitation skills