



## Sustainability Fellowship **NuLu: EcoDistrict Pilot Project – Louisville, KY**

A public-private partnership has been developed to support the creation of Louisville, Kentucky's pilot EcoDistricts program. The partnership is managed by Midwest Clean Energy Enterprise (MCEE) and includes the NuLu Business Association, Louisville Downtown Development Partnership and Louisville Metro Government's Office of Sustainability. Together, this coalition is adding additional partners that are working together to establish a framework for the city's EcoDistricts program, which will ultimately be promoted city- and region-wide. Community volunteers are involved in four working groups, modeled after the EcoDistrict.org Framework developed in Portland, OR: Health & Well-Being; Energy; Water & Ecosystem; and Materials Management. One of the key strengths of this program is community engagement.

The UNHSI Sustainability Institute Fellow will work with the MCEE and the chairs of the four working groups to support continued development of this Sustainability Innovation District. Tasks will include the following:

- Work with the University of Louisville's Speed School of Engineering to get 50-75 more business owners to complete the America Saves! energy assessment
- Collaborate with LEA to encourage business owners in the NuLu Sustainability District to participate in the ENERGY STAR Certification Assistance Program
- Encourage business owners to install solar PV and help the Solar Over Louisville initiative to install 2 million watts of Solar by December 31, 2016
- Participate in monthly meetings of the Louisville Sustainability Council's Green Economy Action Team and the NuLu Business Association.
- Encourage the use of Energy Project Assessment District (ePAD) financing energy efficiency & renewable energy projects
- Support educational and outreach efforts Support other working group goals, objectives and actions as requested
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Over the next couple years, the NuLu Sustainability District will be thriving and will show how a community came together and transformed itself into the most sustainable area in Kentucky. The program underway is a pilot with plans to replicate in the SoBro Neighborhood that also has been designated as a pilot sustainability district and other parts of Louisville.

Kentucky lacks forward-thinking energy policies and funding sources that are common in other states. Working in Louisville, the state's most progressive city, will present a Fellow with unique opportunities for change-making and innovation.

**Location:** Louisville, KY

**Time commitment:** 40 hours per week, June 6-August 19, 2016

**Compensation:** \$6000 stipend

**Desired Qualifications:**

- Enrollment in an undergraduate or graduate degree program: ideally in environmental science/studies, energy management, engineering, business, public administration, or a related field
- Experience working in or with the private sector
- Some knowledge of existing federal incentives and programs targeted at energy efficiency
- Knowledge of renewable energy technologies
- Knowledge of energy efficiency technologies and strategies
- Demonstrated ability to communicate professionally and effectively with the business and nonprofit sectors, including strong public speaking skills
- Experience in marketing
- Proficiency in Microsoft Office products, including Excel and Word

**UNHSI Sustainability program eligibility:**

Graduate students, exceptional undergraduate students, and recent graduates are eligible. We will encourage, but not require, an academic sponsor or reference for each fellow, and where possible we will ask that course credits are awarded.

**Supervision, Training, Mentoring and Evaluation**

This fellow will receive day-to-day supervision from Bobby Clark and Jason Delambre of MCEE, and mentoring and professional development offerings from UNHSI.

Fellows will be expected to participate in three MANDATORY events:

- A three-day, two-night orientation in Durham, NH, June 1-3rd. Lodging and food are provided; Fellows are responsible for any associated travel costs.
- Midterm project presentations to UNHSI staff, faculty and relevant project partners (can be done remotely).
- A summative evaluation and feedback session at the end of their placement.

**Apply by February 23<sup>rd</sup>** at <https://www.sustainableunh.unh.edu/sustainability-fellows>