



Institute for Environmental Negotiation at the School of Architecture

104 Emmet Street, Charlottesville, VA, 22903

## Graduate Student Positions Summer 2007, Fall 2007 to Spring 2008

The Institute for Environmental Negotiation is affiliated with the Architecture School at UVA. The Institute was formed more than 20 years ago to provide mediation and consensus building services to governments, citizen organizations and businesses dealing with conflicts and complex policy choices about land uses and the natural and built environment. The Institute also designs public involvement processes for land use planning projects such as watershed plans, brownfield and superfund site redevelopment, forest management and other related projects. To learn more about the Institute please visit: <http://www.virginia.edu/ien>

Each year, the Institute offers several paid 'graduate student assistantships' for students in the School of Architecture's Department of Urban and Environmental Planning. There may be full-time (40 hour week) summer internships and up to four one-year semester internships (15 hours per week for two semesters) during the fall and spring semesters. IEN Associates work intensively on one to two projects and employ a variety of skills such as research, writing, graphic design and web site management and may also assist with meeting facilitation. Associates work on projects that apply planning theory to on-the-ground projects such as watershed plans or redevelopment of brownfields. They also learn to conduct public involvement processes --- a key skill sought by both public and private sector planning agencies. Those who are interested can gain experience in facilitation.

The following list provides several examples of the types of projects on which that Institute graduate associates may work. However, there are many more projects that are offered each year in which students can participate. To learn about current Institute projects visit <http://www.virginia.edu/ien/projects.htm>

Examples of Institute projects include:

- **Strategic Planning for Seaside Communities:** Coordinating a strategic planning effort with the Virginia Coastal Program staff and local communities to determine how to best protect coastal areas and create effective zoning to protect open space.
- **Virginia Natural Resources Leadership Institute (VNRLI):** Preparing issue briefs on environmental and planning issues for this statewide course for natural resource professionals.
- **Northern Virginia Regional Parks:** Developing a strategy for regional parks to meet stakeholder needs for both recreation and land conservation across northern three northern VA counties and cities.

### To apply:

Internships are awarded on a competitive basis. Only students enrolled at the University of Virginia School of Architecture will be hired and preference is given to second-year Master's degree candidates in the Department of Urban and Environmental Planning. Candidates for the summer internships are hired in the spring. Fall and spring semester interns are hired in the spring of the prior academic year. To apply please email your resume or a one-page bio detailing your interests, academic and work experience and availability (start date, end date and hours available per week) to [ckb5r@virginia.edu](mailto:ckb5r@virginia.edu) or send to: Caroline Wilkinson, Institute for Environmental Negotiation, University of Virginia, 104 Emmet Street, Charlottesville, VA 22903. **The deadline for applications for summer and fall is April 6, 2007.**