

2015 MET COUNCIL URBAN SCHOLAR PLACEMENTS

Placement	Responsibilities	Required Skills/Experiences
Community Development	The Urban Scholar will help develop tools and resources for local planners involved in housing planning work. This includes handbooks, contact lists, technical tutorials that capture best practices in various city and rural planning topics.	Required Area(s) of Study: Geography, Urban Studies, Urban and Regional Planning (Undergraduate)
Environmental Services – Finance	The Urban Scholar will review existing sewer access charge (SAC) communications and outreach; schedule SAC customer training sessions; work with research on mapping population of various cultural diversity groups and business owners. This position will help identify best practices in communicating with different communities about SAC charges and will work with different Council divisions and Communications to identify current public outreach efforts.	Required Area(s) of Study: Business, Finance, Communication Need to have mathematical skills. Communication and research skills preferred. Multi-lingual skills preferred. (Undergraduate/Graduate)
Metro Transit- Public Relations	The Urban Scholar will participate in the creation of a written and oral history of Metro Transit; assist the Public Relations Manager and the Public Relations Specialist in media outreach activities and media responses; propose, report and write stories for Metro Transit’s blog, Rider’s Almanac; attend weekly communications meetings and actively participate in planning of internal and external communications.	Open to many fields of study, ideally Communications, Journalism or Marketing, but not necessary. This placement seeks applicants that are curious, confident, have strong writing skills, and have some experience taking public transit, or willingness to take transit to complete assignments. (Undergraduate/Graduate)

<p>Metro Transit- Rail Operations</p>	<p>The Urban Scholar will receive meaningful exposure to each of the functional disciplines of Light Rail. This placement will complete a review of current business evaluation methods and recommend changes in how Metro Transit measures successes and opportunities for improvement.</p>	<p>Required Area(s) of Study: Business Administration, Transportation/ Logistics/ Supply Chain Management, Public Administration, Urban Planning, Operations Management, Marketing</p> <p>(Undergraduate)</p>
<p>Metro Transit – Small Starts</p>	<p>The Urban Scholar will assist in developing arterial transitway corridors. The Scholar will join a team of planners, engineers, and outreach coordinators developing service and facility improvements along major local bus routes. Primary work in 2015 includes construction communication and outreach support for A Line construction (Snelling Ave), C Line engineering (Penn Ave), and West Broadway Transit Study planning activities. The Scholar will conduct outreach work and assist project communications.</p>	<p>Required Area(s) of Study: Communications, Marketing, Journalism, Urban Studies, Political Science, Geography, Engineering</p> <p>(Undergraduate/Graduate)</p>
<p>Metro Transit – Transit Technology Systems</p>	<p>The Urban Scholar will work with Metro Transit Business Systems Analysts on Bus Annunciator projects, Real Time Signs / Transit Customer Information System documentation, including GPS locates as well as photo documentation, and Green Line Emergency Operations Center setup.</p>	<p>Required Area(s) of Study: Geographic Information Science, Intelligent Transportation Systems, Urban Planning, Data Analysis</p> <p>(Undergraduate/Graduate)</p>
<p>Metropolitan Transportation Services – Customer Service</p>	<p>The Urban Scholar will work extensively with Metro Mobility customers and will gather survey and other feedback from customers, perform quality assurance auditing, and work with management staff and contracted providers to address</p>	<p>Required Area(s) of Study: Disability Studies, Communication, Physical Therapy, Marketing</p> <p>(Undergraduate)</p>

	customer concerns.	
Regional Administration – Met Council Chair Adam Duininck	The Urban Scholar will be exposed to high-level regional planning meetings and public policy initiatives. This position will assist with various outreach efforts region-wide, including the region’s long-range plan, Thrive MSP 2040. This position will also help implement various equity implementation goals Council-wide involving contracting, hiring, Council culture, etc.	Open to many fields of study, including but not limited to, Public Policy, Social Science, Political Science, Urban/Regional Planning, Communications, History, Law School, etc. Applicants should possess strong communication skills and familiarity with basic research methods. (Undergraduate/Graduate)
Regional Administration – Office of Equal Opportunity	The Urban Scholar will help coordinate Title VI Limited English Proficiency work Council-wide in order to make Council services more linguistically accessible to populations that do not speak English very well. This position will also assist in various equity implementation initiatives Council-wide involving contracting, hiring, Council culture, etc.	Open to any field of study, including but not limited to, Social Science, Political Science, Communications, History, Law School, etc. Applicants should possess strong communication skills, familiarity with basic research methods. (Undergraduate/Graduate)
Regional Administration – Office of General Counsel	The Scholar will perform legal research and writing on issues raised in Council requests for advice or in litigation. The work will be in a variety of areas of law, such as employment law, property law, construction law, public contracting, and environmental law. This may also include attending hearing and meetings with staff attorneys.	Rising 3 rd year law student with interest in public sector law, willing to learn about and work in multiple areas of the law. Moot court or law journal experience preferred. Applicants must have completed 2 nd year by start of Urban Scholar program on May 26, 2015. Applicants will be asked for writing samples. (3L Law Student)

<p>Regional Administration – Office of the Regional Administrator</p>	<p>The Urban Scholar will help lead internal projects and assist in organizational change efforts to meet expectations established in the region’s long-range plan, Thrive MSP 2040.</p>	<p>Open to any field of study. May be well-suited for applicants with a background or interest in Social Science and/or Public Policy. (This could include, but is not limited to: Political Science, Communications, History, etc.) Applicants should possess strong communication skills and familiarity with basic research methods.</p> <p>(Undergraduate/Graduate)</p>
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