



Sustainable Israeli-Palestinian Projects

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INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITY – CU Program in Jewish Studies

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Sustainable Israeli-Palestinian Projects (SIPP), a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, is offering an internship for the Spring 2024 semester.

Who we are and why we are offering this internship opportunity:

Sustainable Israeli-Palestinian Projects was formed in 2015 to encourage environmental peace-building projects involving Israelis and Palestinians, and to encourage American and local (Boulder) participation in those projects. As a small organization, SIPP has project-related, administrative, and organizational needs which can benefit from an intern's assistance. SIPP has no paid staff and no formal office.

Prior to Covid, SIPP traveled to Israel and the West Bank once a year to meet with Israelis, Palestinians, and Israeli Bedouin to discuss recycling, waste management, and other environmental issues, as well as programs that help build civil society on both sides of the border. As a result of those trips, SIPP is engaged in projects that work with both Israelis and Palestinians; example projects to date include:

- a. A workshop on transboundary pollution and conflict management for Palestinian and Israeli young adults;
- b. A demonstration project of constructed wetlands in the Kidron/Nar Basin;
- c. An evaluation of drinking water contamination at the Mar Saba Monastery;
- d. Education and outreach to address trans-boundary electronic waste management which is causing environmental pollution;
- e. Support of an environmental education center near Hebron;
- f. An avifaunal and flora study as part of a larger environmental initiative in the Kidron/Nar Basin; and
- g. Support for a youth photography program involving both Israelis and Palestinians.

Current projects include a number of environmental and civil society projects in Israel and, to a lesser degree due to the current conflict, in the West Bank which we are running through our mini-grant program.

What is expected of the Intern:

The intern will assist SIPP in tasks that will vary but may include:

- Electronic and print communications, including videography, social media outreach, etc.
 - Researching grant and fundraising opportunities, such as background research
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- Assisting on calls with SIPP's allies & contacts – taking notes, follow-up, communication needs
- Initiating and/or contributing to project ideation, design and implementation – e.g., citizen science projects
- Project management assistance such as establishing & maintaining project/grant database, tracking tasks, engaging in communications, etc.
- Publicity, marketing, and other administrative aspects associated with a small organization
- Deepening SIPP's connection with the CU community
- Work with SIPP's board members located in the Washington DC area to further develop SIPP's presence in the DC area.

The intern is expected to work 7-10 hours per week (depending on the requirements of the internship), to work independently, and to be available for bi-weekly meetings with one or more members of the SIPP board. As SIPP has no permanent office, meetings will be held at a mutually agreeable location – typically a local coffee shop, or by teleconference. The intern's primary supervisor will be Peter Ornstein, President of SIPP. Peter is the former Deputy Regional Counsel of EPA's Denver regional office, is a member of Colorado Mediation Center, and had been an adjunct faculty at the University of Denver teaching environmental law.

The intern must be self-motivated and be able to identify, propose, and execute projects that assist SIPP in its mission of environmental peace-making/civil society-building within and between Israeli and the Palestinian societies.

SIPP will try to assign tasks that align with the Intern's interests, such as videography, marketing, grant development, computer programming/app development, research, Arabic and/or Hebrew, engineering, etc.

More Information:

If you are interested in working with us, please apply through the Jewish Studies Program.

For more information about SIPP, please visit our website at www.SIPProjects.org, visit our facebook page at www.facebook.com/SIPProjects, or send us an email at info@sippprojects.org.

