

## **Summer 2018 U-M Internship Opportunity**

**Topic: Assessment of the environmental footprint of University Licensed Apparel Goods**

**Call for Applications:** Deadline January 31, 2018

**Eligibility: U-M undergraduate (at least two years of completed college education)**

**Graduate level students**

***Students graduating in Spring 2018 are not eligible***

### **About the internship:**

The overall goal of the internship project is provide an opportunity for a University of Michigan student to learn about environmental issues in apparel supply chains, and, working with a leading environmental group (NRDC), to assess the particular environmental footprint of manufacturing UM licensed apparel goods. A licensee's supply chain would be a collection of firms that contribute to the production and sale of a licensed garment at one of many retail outlets. Licensee supply chains typically include garment manufacturers, textile mills, spinning mills, and raw material (cotton / synthetic) suppliers. The heavy environmental footprint of the textile industry, which supplies fabric used in apparel, is well known and will be the focus of this study. The main goal of the Summer 2018 internship is to map the university apparel supply chain to understand the sources (companies / locations) of UM fabric supply and estimate the environmental footprint of the products that use these fabrics, using various sources of data and supplementing it with surveys and interviews. Key deliverables include a detailed written report and presentation.

The student will work in collaboration with the U-M President's Advisory Committee on Labor Standards and Human Rights (PACLSHR), the University of Michigan Licensing office, and the Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC). The internship will be located at the NRDC office in Washington, DC.

**Suggested start date:** May 15, 2018 (negotiable)

**Duration of internship:** 10 weeks

**Funding:** Funding for this internship includes cost of travel to the internship site from U-M (DTW airport), lodging and a stipend

### **Desired qualifications / skills:**

- Graduate student or Undergraduate student with at least two years of college education completed;
- Strong computer skills (Office, Excel, ability to learn mapping software, etc.)
- Strong analytical abilities
- Ability to deal with a high quantity of data, turning that data into useful information
- General business understanding – successfully completing basic business classes would be beneficial;
- Interest in Environmental issues;
- Ability to communicate at a high level; Ability to track, manage and assess details.

**Application process:** There are no application "forms" as such. Applicants are to submit materials by email to the [PACLSHRApplications@umich.edu](mailto:PACLSHRApplications@umich.edu). Enter "PACLSHR NRDC Internship" as the subject line and do not include any additional text in the e-mail.

- 1) An up-to-date CV/resume
- 2) A 150-300 word statement in pdf format explaining your interest in this internship.
- 3) Current transcripts. Wolverine Access (un)official copies are acceptable for this purpose.

- Applications will be reviewed by a faculty subcommittee of the PACLSHR. The PACLSHR subcommittee may request a brief oral or written report at the completion of the experience.
- Applicants are encouraged to email questions not answered in this announcement to: [PACLSHRApplications@umich.edu](mailto:PACLSHRApplications@umich.edu)