



Position: Summer 2025 ACT **Municipal Action & Regional Climate Network Internship**

Organization: Alliance for Climate Transition (ACT)

Schedule: 40 hours/week for 12 weeks

Location: Hybrid, with the possibility of in-person meetings (the company is based in Somerville, MA, at Greentown Labs)

Reports to: Vice President, Advancement & Impact

Compensation: According to RI guidelines \$15/hr

Eligibility: Must meet the eligibility requirements of the Rhode Island OER internship program

As an Equal Opportunity Employer, ACT uses inclusive hiring practices and does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, pregnancy status, marital status, national origin, disability, age, sexual orientation, veteran status, genetic information, gender identity, gender expression, or any other factor prohibited by law. Our management team is dedicated to this policy with respect to recruitment, hiring, placement, promotion, transfer, training, compensation, benefits, employee activities and general treatment during employment.

How to apply:

Interested candidates should email Aaron Frederick, VP, Advancement & Impact, afrederick@joinact.org with a resume and cover letter explaining your interest in municipal climate action and two professional or academic references

About the Internship

The Municipal Action & Regional Climate Network Internship offers an opportunity to contribute to mapping, analyzing, and integrating regional climate, environmental health, and municipal resilience networks across New England. This position focuses on developing a comprehensive municipal action inventory, identifying key network nodes in each state and county, and building a GIS-based and network mapping database of tools, resources, and funding opportunities.

Interns will work closely with regional planners, municipal leaders, state agencies, and nonprofit organizations to map climate action initiatives, track key performance indicators (KPIs) for impact measurement, and strengthen cross-sector collaboration.

Key Responsibilities:

Municipal Action Inventory Development & Data Management

- Research, document, and categorize municipal-level climate action initiatives, funding pathways, and policy frameworks across counties and states.
- Maintain a centralized database of climate resilience toolkits, funding mechanisms, case studies, and best practices to support municipal and nonprofit leaders.

GIS Mapping & Spatial Analysis

- Utilize GIS software (e.g., ArcGIS, QGIS, or other tools) to create interactive maps displaying municipal climate actions, environmental justice areas, infrastructure vulnerabilities, and network relationships.
- Analyze spatial disparities in climate funding, resilience hubs, and environmental health outcomes to identify priority intervention zones.
- Support data visualization of policy adoption, climate adaptation efforts, and regional funding distribution.

Regional Network Mapping & Stakeholder Integration

- Identify and visualize key stakeholders, organizations, and regional network hubs involved in municipal resilience and climate action.
- Coordinate with state agencies, municipal leaders, and nonprofit coalitions to track and align regional planning efforts.
- Assist in developing a structured stakeholder engagement framework, ensuring cohesion across policy, planning, and implementation efforts.

Impact Metrics Development & Measurement

- Assist in defining key performance indicators (KPIs) and success metrics for tracking municipal climate progress.
- Develop benchmarking tools to measure local government capacity, project implementation success rates, and community engagement levels.
- Support the creation of public-facing dashboards that communicate climate resilience progress in an accessible format.

Community & Partner Engagement

- Assist in organizing workshops, convenings, and strategy sessions that bring together municipal, nonprofit, and planning leaders.
- Support participatory mapping efforts by gathering community input on climate risks, infrastructure priorities, and funding needs.

What You'll Gain:

- Hands-on experience in climate governance, GIS mapping, municipal action planning, and network coordination.
- Exposure to regional planning efforts and collaboration with state agencies, local governments, nonprofits, and academic institutions.
- Development of spatial analysis, data visualization, and impact measurement skills.
- Opportunities to present findings, contribute to policy discussions, and support municipal strategy development in the climate and environmental health space.

Who Should Apply:

We are looking for interns who are:

- Passionate about climate action, GIS mapping, data-driven policymaking, and municipal governance.
- Strong researchers and detail-oriented, capable of synthesizing complex information into accessible tools.
- Skilled in GIS mapping, data analysis, impact measurement, and policy evaluation (or eager to learn).
- Comfortable engaging with diverse stakeholders, from municipal leaders to grassroots organizations.
- Self-motivated, adaptable, and capable of working independently within a collaborative framework.

Preferred Qualifications:

- Background in geography, environmental policy, urban planning, public administration, or data science.
- Experience with GIS software (ArcGIS, QGIS), data visualization (Tableau, PowerBI), and impact evaluation is a plus.
- Strong communication skills, particularly in translating technical findings into policy insights for decision-makers.

Benefits:

- Hands-on experience in communications and marketing within the clean energy or climate advocacy sector.
- Opportunity to work with a dynamic team of professionals passionate about advancing clean energy and climate transition solutions.
- Flexible schedules and remote work options are available.
- Networking opportunities with industry leaders, policymakers, and clean energy stakeholders.

About ACT:

ACT (The Alliance for Climate Transition) leads the just, equitable, and rapid transition to a clean energy future and a diverse climate economy. ACT members span the broad spectrum of the clean energy industry, including clean transportation, energy efficiency, wind, solar, energy storage, microgrids, fuel cells, and advanced and “smart” technologies. ACT is dedicated to growing the climate economy across the region. Our Municipal Decarbonization Program works directly with cities and towns across the Northeast to accelerate climate action through technical assistance, model ordinance development, and community engagement.

ACT includes The Alliance for Climate Transition, a nonprofit business member organization, and ACT Institute, a nonprofit focused on industry research, innovation, policy development, and strategic communications. ACT’s innovation program includes Cleantech Open Northeast, the Northeast affiliate of the national cleantech accelerator Cleantech Open, and Cleantech Navigate, which provides cleantech startups with curated connections to mentors, test sites, customers, corporate partners, and investors. ACT brings together business leaders and key stakeholders to engage in influential policy discussions and business initiatives while building connections that propel the clean energy industry forward. Visit www.joinACT.org for more information.