PhD Fellowship in Ecological Planning and Design

The Center for Ecological Planning and Design at the University of Utah invites applications for the Swaner PhD Fellowship in Ecological Planning in the Department of City and Metropolitan Planning. The CEPD (www.cepd.utah.edu) is an interdisciplinary hub for collaborative thinking and research at the nexus of the built and natural environments and human communities. Primary foci include the integration of research with the processes of planning and design, complexity, social-ecological systems and resilience. We think broadly, and connectively, while embedding research and practice in the particular geographic, cultural, and political context of the American West.

The Fellowship provides three years of graduate support (annual stipend of $27k) during which time the Fellow is expected to be an active member of the Center team and work with CEPD faculty to develop his or her own research that supports and advances the work of the Center and the field of ecological planning and design. The resources of the Center and department make additional funding for subsequent years very likely. We seek a student-Fellow with strong indicators of scholarly performance (including academic records, writing, research or professional experience), interest and ability to work as part of a highly interdisciplinary team as well as the initiative and organizational skills to complete individual projects and tasks. Applicants will need to be accepted into the Department’s PhD program in Metropolitan Planning, Policy and Design and should hold an undergraduate degree in a relevant field including, but not limited to: natural sciences; civil/environmental engineering; urban, regional or environmental planning; landscape architecture; environmental science or studies; natural resource management; or geography. Candidates admitted to the PhD program without a Masters in planning will need to complete the core courses for the Masters in City and Metropolitan Planning. Our young PhD program (established in 2011) thus far has seen 100% of our graduates placed in tenure-track faculty positions in the U.S.

The University of Utah is situated in the “capital” of the evocative Intermountain West – the Great Salt Lake Valley. Combining the amenities of a major international city with the friendliness of a quaint, mountain town, Salt Lake is an ideal location for living, working and learning. A beautiful, safe, and vibrant destination, Salt Lake combines unparalleled access to natural recreation, a bustling economy, dynamic nightlife, remarkable history, warm hospitality, and Utah’s Greatest Snow on Earth. Nature hikes are as little as 10 minutes away and 11 national parks, five in Utah, are easily accessible for weekend trips. A surprise to many, Salt Lake is incredibly diverse, with significant populations of Hispanic, Asian and Pacific Islanders. In 2015, a national survey found that Salt Lake City was home to the seventh largest population of LGBT-identifying people in the U.S.

Inquiries about the Fellowship should be directed to Sarah Hinners sarah.hinners@utah.edu. Applicants should begin by applying to the PhD in Metropolitan Planning, Policy and Design program (http://plan.cap.utah.edu/phd-program-page/), and will be asked to submit an additional statement regarding their interest in the Fellowship.