



## Council for Quality Growth Policy Internship

### Position Overview

The Council for Quality Growth (CQG) is seeking a highly motivated Policy Intern to join our team. This is a primarily in-person position based at our Sandy Springs office, where the intern will have the opportunity to gain valuable hands-on experience in public policy, urban planning, and local government operations.

### About the Council for Quality Growth

The Council for Quality Growth is a 40-year-old non-profit trade association representing the growth and development industry with the mission of promoting balanced and responsible growth in metro Atlanta and Georgia. We bring the development community and policy makers together as we focus on long-range community planning, encourage adequate government services, catalyze consensus on growth issues and convene discussion on responsible development. The Council delivers this mission through the platforms of Advocacy, Education and Convention. We work with thousands of elected officials, administrators and staff across metro Atlanta's more than 80 local governments plus state agencies and legislative and executive leadership.

We collaborate to ensure that planning, zoning and other local, regional and state regulatory policies promote thriving communities, strong infrastructure and a prospering economy. We actively advocate in city council, county commission, regional commission and state legislative and regulatory meetings. Members, in turn, receive exclusive access to the most comprehensive information about regulatory and policy issues in the region. We educate local and state elected officials and professional staff who regularly seek our policy advice and input. The Council is committed to the belief that Atlanta's economic future and quality of life is highly dependent on continued, balanced, quality growth. To that end, the Council promotes market driven solutions to critical public policy issues that face the region and state.

### Position Responsibilities

The Policy Intern will support the Council's efforts in researching and analyzing a variety of policy issues related to urban development and local government ordinances. The intern will be involved in the following key projects:

- **Local Government Ordinances:** Support ongoing projects around municipal ordinances that affect zoning, land use, and infrastructure. This will include examining historical documents and compiling insights into policy recommendations.
- **County Unified Development Ordinances (UDO):** Research and analyze county-wide UDOS across metro Atlanta to identify trends and potential policy improvements.
- **Development Impact Fees:** Assist in the evaluation of development impact fees in local municipalities and work on data collection to assess their impact on economic growth and community development.

In addition to policy research, the intern will be responsible for conducting data collection, compiling reports, and researching historical archives to provide essential information that will inform the Council's work on various initiatives.

## Qualifications

We are seeking candidates who possess the following knowledge, abilities, and skills:

- Currently pursuing a college or graduate degree, preferably in a related field such as English, Public Policy, Political Science, Public Administration, Urban Planning, Communications, Public Health, or Public Relations.
- Strong verbal, written, and interpersonal communication skills.
- Ability to prioritize tasks, work independently, and follow general instructions.
- Knowledge of local metro policy issues is ideal but not required.
- Ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with Council membership, local, regional, and state government entities, planning organizations, business organizations, and strategic industry associations.

These internships allow students to gain valuable real-world experiences and professional connections in the real estate, engineering and public policy fields, in addition to course credits and a stipend for program completion. If you are interested in a Council internship, please contact Matt Yarbrough, Director of Policy & Government Affairs at [my@councilforqualitygrowth.org](mailto:my@councilforqualitygrowth.org). Our office is located at 5901-C Peachtree Dunwoody Rd. Atlanta, GA 30328.

The Council continues to stand committed to diverse and inclusive growth that cultivates vibrant and thriving communities functioning at all levels of enterprise. A successful community is built to care for its citizens, regardless of race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, language, culture, religion, mental and physical ability, or socioeconomic status. We look forward to your interest in joining our team for an enriching and impactful internship experience.

***NOTE FOR STUDENTS SEEKING COURSE CREDIT(S):*** *The Council will work with you and your academic advisor/professor to determine the appropriate project for your specific internship. In addition to your duties and responsibilities at the Council, you will likely be asked by your academic advisor/professor to keep a daily journal of your work experiences and to write a paper about the work you complete at the Council. Please see your academic advisor/professor for specific requirements of your college or university.*