

Environmental Advocacy and Research Internship

Calling all environmentally minded students! Canyon Guard has an internship for you. Join us to advocate for the preservation of Little Cottonwood Canyon through outreach, social media, education, and research. Most imminently, we are engaging governmental departments, nationwide conservation organizations, and local community organizations to research the sustainable level of tourism for the canyon and to advocate for low-impact transportation solutions before considering building the world's longest gondola up the canyon.

Job Summary:

Expand your understanding of environmental science and political science by helping us research the impacts of transportation solutions in Little Cottonwood Canyon. All positions are unpaid and require approximately 10-20 hours per week through this fall, with a possible extension into the spring. We do offer course credit sponsorship if applicable.

Responsibilities:

- Opportunity to engage with multiple workstreams and gain exposure to a wide range of projects across different focus areas including research, outreach, events, social media, and presentations
- Conduct in-depth research to assess the sustainable and safe level of tourism for a canyon in Salt Lake City's protected watershed.
- Evaluate proposed transportation solutions' impacts on natural resources and associated financial costs.
- Review the pros and cons of transportation alternatives found globally for a comparable environment.
- Educate the public about your findings, including submitting writing to the media, creating social media content, making public statements to governmental bodies and elected officials, and giving educational talks in public events.
- Participate in team meetings and discussions.

This Internship Offers:

- Opportunity to build a portfolio of research-based work that would aid further academic pursuit or career development.
- The comprehensive training needed to be an effective environmental advocate.
- Development of research, writing, and analytical skills under a mentor.
- Highly flexible working hours.
- The satisfaction of contributing to a cause that makes a real difference for future generations' enjoyment of Little Cottonwood Canyon's wilderness.

About Us:

Canyon Guard is a coalition that advocates for cost-effective solutions that address traffic congestion without burdening taxpayers, or sacrificing the environment, safeguarding Little Cottonwood Canyon's majestic beauty for generations to come. Our analysis reveals the Gondola project is financially unsustainable, environmentally damaging, and will not solve traffic

congestion. Instead, numerous proven, lower-cost solutions exist. In December 2023, our coalition partner Friends of Alta filed a lawsuit challenging the Utah Department of Transportation's (UDOT) decision to install a Gondola system as the final solution to traffic issues in Little Cottonwood Canyon. Learn more about us at www.canyonguard.org.

To Apply: Send your resume to info@canyonguard.org or apply [online here](#).