**Organization Name:** City of Atlanta, Mayor’s Office of Resilience, One Atlanta

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**Organization Mission:** One Atlanta: The Mayor’s Office of Equity, Diversity and Inclusion leverages the combined power of government, private and non-profit partners, and communities to dismantle systemic inequities and barriers to opportunity. We work to create One Atlanta - a safe and welcoming city with world-class employees, infrastructure and services, an ethical, transparent, and fiscally responsible government, thriving neighborhoods, communities, and businesses and residents who are equipped for success.

**Social Innovation Statement:** AgLanta Ambassador Program: as the Urban Agriculture Director for City of Atlanta, and working at Office of Resilience, One Atlanta Office, i’m in a unique position where I am speaking to the residents of Atlanta and sharing policies, etc coming from governmental offices; i’m also uplifting the resident’s voices to reach other government leaders (up to the Mayor), and articulating what is desired from residents to receive the most informative, supportive, & equitable urban agriculture & food access experiences via City of Atlanta, as well as to inform policy. how can urban ag & food access be most responsive & proactive to current & post-pandemic times? how can the vehicle for this engagement be best developed & institutionalized? how do we collectively evaluate this work? how do we go about innovating? these are the types of things we'll address with the AgLanta Ambassador Program work.

**Internship Semester:** Summer 2021

**Project Title #1:** AgLanta Ambassador Program

**Keywords:** Outreach, Program Development, Policy

**SLS Priority Issue Areas:** Community Health, Equitable Development

**Priority SDGs:** Zero Hunger (2), Reduced Inequalities (10), Responsible Consumption and Production (12)

**Project Background:** AgLanta Ambassador Program is a new program that will become the institutionalised mechanism for Atlanta residents to communicate with City of Atlanta government in matters pertaining to Urban Agriculture & Food Access. to-date AgLanta has been facilitated by several government offices and departments, has partnered with several non-profit and community-based organisations, as well as received subject matter guidance via the AgLanta Grows-A-Lot Advisory Council. the AgLanta Ambassador Program will be a step in ensuring the voice of the 500,000+ residents is constantly heard and utilised to inform the development of policy & programming from City of Atlanta. how can urban agriculture & food access be most responsive & proactive to current & post-pandemic times? how can the vehicle for this engagement be best developed & institutionalized? how do we collectively evaluate this work? how do we go about innovating? these are the types of things we'll address with the development of the AgLanta Ambassador Program.

**Project Timeline:** The development phase of this project will be completed over 12-18 months.
Desired skills and qualifications: Program development; Communications/Outreach;

Deliverables: Readiness assessment, community survey