

Organization Name: RCE Greater Atlanta (Georgia Tech SLS)

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Organization Mission: Serve-Learn-Sustain is a Georgia Tech academic initiative working with all six colleges to offer students opportunities inside and outside the classroom to collaborate with diverse partners – across the community, non-profit, government, academic, and business sectors – on key sustainability challenges. RCE Greater Atlanta brings together universities and colleges from across the Greater Atlanta region with nonprofit, community, government, and business partners.

Social Innovation Statement: Both SLS and RCE Greater Atlanta innovate by approaching sustainability and the SDGs from an equity and justice lens, building on Atlanta's history as the home of the Civil Rights Movement to address historic and systemic inequities. Both aim to create new models for collective impact by harnessing higher education capacity and through the power of collaborative action across sectors--government, education, nonprofit, and business--and across generations.

Internship Semester: Summer 2021

Project Title #1: RCE Greater Atlanta - Leadership Circle and Drawdown Georgia Equity Project

Keywords: Communication, Research, Outreach

SLS Priority Issue Areas: Climate Change, Equitable Development, Energy Equity, UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

Priority SDGs: Quality Education (4), Climate Action (13), Partnerships for the Goals (17)

Project Background: SLS is a founding member of the RCE Greater Atlanta and continues to participate in its governance, with a staff person on the Leadership Circle (beginning in 2021, Rebecca Watts Hull) and staff members on all four of the RCE Action Groups. Youth leadership is a critically important component of the RCE, and this position will provide opportunities for the intern to participate in a variety of RCE projects and initiatives – some already underway, and others that may not have been envisioned. With a newly formed Leadership Circle, four Action Groups gaining momentum, and a new, SLS-managed Drawdown Georgia Equity Project, during summer 2021 SLS will be deeply engaged in building upon RCE Greater Atlanta's three-year foundation to identify new opportunities to collaborate to advance the SDGs in the metro Atlanta region. This is an exciting time for an intern to contribute to existing projects, including the Youth Network and SDG Curriculum Initiative, and also help shape new projects, such as the Drawdown Georgia Equity Project that seeks to ensure climate solutions in Georgia are implemented in an equitable manner. The intern also will have the opportunity to learn a great deal about project management and the many tools and skills involved in managing a networked organization.

Project Timeline: The intern will be working on a variety of RCE Greater Atlanta projects that will continue after the intern leaves. The supervisor and intern will work together to define a reasonable scope for the intern's contributions over the course of the internship.

Desired skills and qualifications: Writing and oral communication; Organizational skills; Knowledge of web platforms helpful but not required

Deliverables: Several blog posts, plus other TBD