

Job Posting

Graduate Internship for Planning & Economic Development

James Lima Planning + Development (JLP+D) is seeking a Graduate Intern for Planning & Economic Development for our growing real estate, planning, and economic development consulting practice.

This position is **paid**. The location is **remote**. Starting date is **immediate**.

Who We Are:

JLP+D makes the aspirational attainable. Specializing in the economics of placemaking™, we are an industry leader in urban strategy consulting. We envision, develop, and implement transformative initiatives to create more vibrant, equitable and resilient places for all. For public, private, and non-profit clients, our diverse expertise helps identify and generate untapped market demand, unlock a location's unique potential to better attract talent and investment, and devise the governance and financing mechanisms to capture the value created, with an aim to maximize public benefits for communities.

Since 2011, JLP+D has guided and advised on high-impact placed-based initiatives across North America, ranging from individual buildings and public spaces to district-scale, citywide, and regional strategies. At the foundation of our approach is the ability to see and demonstrate value in innovation; align the interests of communities, governments, institutions, developers, and businesses; and structure public-private partnerships to drive positive change, improve quality of life, create good jobs, enhance equity, and strengthen places' competitiveness.

JLP+D is a group of insightful, detail-oriented, and collaborative experts. With passion, knowledge, and experience spanning a range of fields, our team combines strong technical and analytical rigor with a uniquely personable process to find unconventional and effective solutions to pressing issues related to economic opportunities, resilience, and equity.

What You Will Be Working On:

You will be supporting the project manager(s) for a set of priority projects at JLP+D that might include:

- An economic impact study and funding strategy for a major Business Improvement District in New York City
- A white paper on the economic impact of an industrial/business district on Long Island
- Economic development, retail strategy, and real estate advisory for a master plan in Downtown Orlando
- Other planning and economic development projects or in-house research initiatives of interest to you!

In your capacity as an intern, you are expected to:

- Perform the analysis (economic, demographic, market, geospatial, interviews, other qualitative, and more) to answer key questions of the assignment. When existing data is not available, you need to be creative and seek the best solutions.
- Present ideas and findings in effective ways (verbal, written, graphic/visual). As a consultant, you are expected to translate complex information into digestible and high-impact communications, including designing infographics to producing reports and making presentations in front of the public.

In addition to your day-to-day project management responsibility at JLP+D, you may support the following team efforts, depending on workload and level of commitment:

- Business development. We pursue new opportunities around North America, and you will help us identify new leads, assemble teams, develop scope proposals, and win projects. We want you to bring your own perspective and resources to JLP+D, and pursue opportunities that are of interest to you!
- Support other team members and the firm. We are busy, and we are growing. Each of us at JLP+D supports each other in project-related as well as operational tasks, big or small, so we need to be collaborative.

What We Are Looking For:

You need to demonstrate yourself as a great consultant with expertise and experience working in the areas identified above. We look for the following traits when getting to know you:

- Intellectual curiosity - the ability and willingness to ask questions and find solutions.
- A Master's degree obtained or in pursuit in urban planning, public policy, real estate development, economic development, or related fields.
- Strong writing skills.

- Strong quantitative analytical skills.
- Strong qualitative analytical skills (conducting interviews, analyzing themes from a wide range of literature).
- Software skills: InDesign (Intermediate to Advanced), Excel (Intermediate to Advanced), other Adobe CS (a plus!)

If what we do interests you, and if you think you qualify based on the descriptions above, please send the following to info@jameslimadevelopment.com with “Internship Application - Full Name” in the subject line:

- Your resume
- A cover letter
- A series of work samples showcasing your writing skills, quantitative skills, and InDesign skills (non-academic work preferred)

Applications without work samples will not be reviewed.

We are looking to fill this position rather quickly and will notify shortlisted candidates for online interviews. We look forward to knowing you!