USGBC-LA’s Green Building Corps delivers a structured intern engagement program that provides individuals seeking career opportunities and growth with valuable experience and relationship building while contributing to green building projects that benefit the greater Los Angeles region.

Green Building Corps (GBC) participants commit to either a 6 or 12 month term of 10–20 hours per week and will receive a certificate of completion at the end of their program experience.

THE GBC PROGRAM

PROJECT EXPERIENCE
GBC participants provide project support for the Chapter’s projects, programs, and member groups. Additional projects will be sourced across architecture, engineering, and construction firms as well as sustainability consultants, public agencies, and community partners. Ideally, these projects provide a public or community benefit, allowing GBC members to gain experience, build relationships, and better position themselves for future employment while enhancing our impact across the LA region.

MENTORSHIP
In addition to gaining valuable work experience and professional development skills through the GBC Program, participants are matched up with mentors from USGBC-LA’s professional community. GBC Mentors commit to at least one hour per month, meeting either in-person or virtual, to discuss career goals and development.

CORPORATE ENGAGEMENT
Companies can acquire bundles of hours from the GBC for support on projects, back-office work, event support, data entry, and more. All hourly payments go directly to support the Green Building Corps members and provide flexible intern support for you and your firm without having to establish your own intern program.

ABOUT GBC MEMBERS

SELECTION CRITERIA
- Passion for sustainability
- Interest in high-performance building retrofits & construction
- Career alignment & impact
- Preferred: LEED, TRUE, & WELL credential holders

QUALIFICATIONS/SKILLS
- Holding/pursuing a degree related to sustainability
- Expertise in one or more: GIS, engineering, energy modeling
- Public policy (local, state, or international)
- Business & real estate development
- Community engagement and outreach experience

EXAMPLES OF GBC PROJECTS
- White paper research and writing
- Assisting with direct community outreach
- Written & recorded content creation/development
- Pilot project support & case study development
- GIS mapping
- Benchmarking water & energy usage through Energy Star Portfolio Manager
- Presentation development & delivery
- Supporting interviews with industry experts
- Development of best practice toolkits
- Grant applications support
- Supporting social media, graphic design, & materials development
- Event coordination & support
- Strategic planning & program execution
- Data collection & analysis
- Other tasks related to USGBC-LA Programs, Member Groups, and more!

MEMBER EXPERIENCE

JANE ROSCHEN
“A great volunteer experience where you are able to give hours adaptable to your schedule, yet still feel a part of the USGBC-LA movement. Joining the Green Building Corps has been a great step for my career in sustainability and has provided me with a network of support and experience that is impactful and exciting!”
Is your company looking to receive support from the GBC?

PROGRAM GOALS

30
Students or individuals seeking opportunities served every year

700
Hours/cohort of exposure to sustainability projects

80%
Diversity among participants

10+
Employers engaged every year

80%
Positioning themselves for sustainability careers

100%
Mentor & mentee matchmaking

LEADER

40
hrs/week
1 mo. min

PARTNER BENEFITS

- Featured as a Guest Speaker at GBC meetings
- Company logo on USGBC-LA’s GBC web page
- Blog posting on the USGBC-LA Blog
- Featured employer on the Talent Portal & Job Fairs

$4,000 (1st month)
$3,500 / month thereafter

PARTNER

20
hrs/week
1 mo. min

PARTNER BENEFITS

- Company logo on USGBC-LA’s GBC web page
- Blog posting on the USGBC-LA Blog
- Featured employer on the Talent Portal & Job Fairs

$2,500 (1st month)
$2,000 / month thereafter

SUPPORTER

10
hrs/week
1 mo. min

PARTNER BENEFIT

- Featured employer on the Talent Portal & Job Fairs

$1,500 (1st month)
$1,000 / month thereafter

GBC MEMBER EXPERIENCE

Sara Hickman, ESG Director, Leading Edge

“USGBC-LA’s Green Building Corps Program opens the door to greater LA’s top talent entering and pushing the field of sustainability. Leading Edge has worked with 4 of the corps’ members, all of which have been absolutely phenomenal and frankly integral to supporting our own companies growth while relieving the burden of our full-time staff. I highly recommend participating as a corps member or an employer to build the next generation of USGBC-LA leaders.”

BRING IN GBC SUPPORT FOR YOUR COMPANY TODAY!

Contact us at info@usgbc-la.org