

## California Air Resources Board, Office of Community Air Protection



### About

In 2017, the Legislature passed Assembly Bill (AB) 617, which helped propel CARB to establish the “first-of-its-kind” Office of Community Air Protection Program (Program or OCAP), whose focus is to reduce exposure in communities most impacted by air pollution through monitoring and emission reductions programs at the community level. Assembly Bill (AB) 617 (C. Garcia, Stats. 2017, Ch. 136) requires the Board to “adopt a statewide strategy to reduce emissions of toxic air contaminants and criteria air pollutants in communities affected by a high cumulative exposure burden.” (Health and Safety Code § 44391.2(b)). In 2018, after a robust statewide engagement process with a diverse group of stakeholders, CARB adopted its statewide strategy, or Community Air Protection Program Blueprint (Program Blueprint), to reduce emissions of criteria air pollutants and toxic air contaminants in communities most impacted by air pollution.

### Potential Projects

Interns in CARB’s OCAP Division will work on a variety of projects that focus on working with disadvantaged environmental justice communities and leaders throughout the state to reduce emissions of toxic air contaminants and criteria air pollutants. Interns will have a hands-on opportunity to learn in a fast-paced environment about state government processes, policy implementation, and community and air district partnerships. The interns will gain skills in policy research and writing, land use planning community impacts, impacted community engagement and outreach, local government partnerships, interagency coordination, and more. Example Intern Projects:

- **Re-Imagining Our AB 617 Program:** Intern may work to support engagement and outreach with impacted communities throughout the state in our efforts to re-imagine and update our Program Blueprint (statewide strategy). Intern may also assist in the development of the new Program Blueprint research and writing.
- **Racial Equity and EJ:** Intern may work on various projects to promote and advance racial equity and environmental justice in CARB’s community engagement and cross-agency efforts.
- **Community Focused Tools:** Intern may develop and enhance web presence around the Program Blueprint to make Program tools, information, and data easy to access, user friendly, and in plain language.
- **Interagency Coordination:** Intern may work with other CARB Divisions, and sister agencies to implement Program goals, objectives, and deliverables for the Program Blueprint 2.0 Update.





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### Desired Qualities, Skills and Abilities

Ideal candidates are self-driven and independently motivated, have the ability to balance multiple projects at once and meet deadlines in a dynamic environment, are highly professional and responsible, have strong verbal and written communication as well as analytical and organizational skills, and demonstrate a strong interest in one or more of the subject matters that CARB and the OCAP Program cover. Please see the CARB website for more information on the areas of work.

Desirable Qualifications: Experience with graphic design/web design/multimedia skills, and communications/outreach skills.

