

Urban Planning Intern

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McKenna's team of talented planning, design, and building professionals help municipal leaders develop and maintain communities for real life. From street festivals, neighborhood parks, and storefronts, to parking spots, coffee shops, and farmers' markets, we want your community to thrive. McKenna provides planning, zoning, building, landscape architecture, community and economic development, and urban design assistance to cities, villages, townships, counties, and regional agencies, as well as select private clients, based on skilled and effective public engagement.

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McKenna's Interns are passionate, talented, and creative students who want to make a difference and see their work efforts result in tangible, inspirational outcomes. Our work is purposeful and impacts people by influencing the state of the environment; ultimately, we take pride in helping to improve quality of life in our great Midwestern communities. McKenna's team members enjoy the benefits of our practice, from the diversity of projects in a diverse range of communities, to our fast-paced, creative, and collaborative team culture.

Our Intern will work closely with the team of McKenna planners to develop and provide on-time, on-budget planning and design work that is of the highest technical and creative quality.

The ideal candidate has a good understanding of graphic communication and is in their junior or senior year of study whether in urban planning, urban design, architecture, or landscape design. In addition, the candidate should have the ability to think critically and creatively, be able to adapt to changing environments, and be able to work well independently and as part of a collaborative team.

The Urban Planning Intern is committed to assisting McKenna Planners and Project Managers with specific projects including, but not limited, to the following:

- Serve as an Intern on a multitude of project(s), helping to deliver creative solutions to our clients throughout the Midwest, primarily local units of government. Projects range from providing ongoing and continuing service in the areas of zoning, form-based coding, master planning, economic development, and placemaking, to special projects in planning, design, economic development, transportation, etc.
- Work on harmonious teams with other planners and designers, mapping specialists, graphic designers, and administrative staff.

HOW TO APPLY

To apply for this internship position, send your cover letter and resume in confidence to the attention of Human Resources at hr@mcka.com. Internship positions may be available in any of our Michigan offices: Grand Rapids, Kalamazoo, Northville, Detroit or our Columbus, Ohio office. Please specify your location preference. Timeframe for internship would be mid-May to mid-August 2026. This is a paid internship.

McKenna is an Equal Opportunity Employer and strives to create a dignified work environment where all team members can thrive. Candidates with non-traditional backgrounds and transferable experience are encouraged to apply.