Guardians of Flushing Bay (GoFB) serves as a critical steward of Flushing Waterways’ challenged, yet flourishing ecosystem. Since forming in 2015 as a coalition of dragon boaters advocating for the health of and access to Flushing Bay, GoFB has evolved into a environmental justice (EJ) organization with a shared vision of a healthy and equitably accessible Flushing Waterways where our watershed communities feel part of a thriving collective who steward the water and each other. We accomplish our goals through grassroots organizing, community science and stewardship and family-friendly programming (www.guardiansofflushingbay.org).

For this project, GoFB is collaborating with social scientists at the New York City Urban Field Station. The field station’s mission is to improve quality of life in urban areas by conducting and supporting research about social-ecological systems and natural resource management (www.nrs.fs.usda.gov/nyc).

POSITION: Social Science Research Assistant

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

GoFB is collaborating with scientists at the NYC Urban Field Station to develop a community network survey so as to understand the needs, motivations, and demographics of GoFB’s network of volunteers, supporters, and EJ partners. GoFB and the New York City Urban Field Station have a social science assistant position open to assist with the completion of the survey. The paid intern position will begin in September, 2022 for 10 weeks at 10 hours per week at $25/hr.

MAJOR RESPONSIBILITIES OF POSITION

- Assisting with design and implementation of a web survey.
- Data entry and QA/QC.
- Managing web survey emails and responses.
- Conducting follow-up phone calls to enhance response rate.
- Contributing to an assessment report.

QUALIFICATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS

- A bachelor’s degree in Environmental Management, Environmental Science, Urban Planning, Urban Studies, Community Development, Sociology, Geography, Social Work, or a similar field is preferred.
- A minimum of third-year undergraduate status is required.
• Experience with managing EXCEL data files.
• Experience with online survey software.
• Experience working with low income communities and/or communities of color is a plus.
• Fluency in Spanish, Mandarin and/or Korean in addition to English is a plus.
• Strong interpersonal and organizational skills.

PREFERRED SKILLS

• Graduate degree (or current student working towards a related degree).
• Experience/interest in social science research methods.

TO APPLY

To apply, please submit an application (cover letter, resume, and at least 2 references) to Rebecca Pryor at rpryor@guardiansofflushingbay.org. All applications due by September 11, 2022.

Please note that this position will be hired through Guardians of Flushing Bay, an equal opportunity employer.