

TOMPKINS COUNTY CIVIL SERVICE VACANCY

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Tompkins County Department of Human Resources Office
125 E. Court Street
Ithaca, NY 14850
(607) 274-5526

Tompkins County is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action employer. Minorities and women are encouraged to apply

TITLE: Planning Intern

SALARY: \$15 per hour

TYPE OF EMPLOYMENT: part time up to full time from May through August

ISSUE DATE: 02/21/17

THE FINAL DATE TO FILE APPLICATIONS: 03/20/17

DATE THAT THIS ANNOUNCEMENT SHOULD BE REMOVED FROM POSTING: 03/21/17

RESIDENCY WAIVED

LOCATION OF THE POSITIONS/VACANCIES:

The Town of Ithaca Planning Department is looking to hire a student (undergraduate or graduate), or a recent graduate (someone who has graduated within the past 18-months), for full-time employment for the summer of 2017. The position will involve assisting the Planning staff, including the Sustainability Planner, in a variety of projects, as well as in the daily routine of the Planning Department. Projects may include research and data analysis, preparing materials for public meetings, mapping assignments, design of brochures and displays, the Green Building Policy project, and other activities related to the Town's sustainability efforts. Project assignments are likely to involve utilization of GIS software (ArcGIS) for mapping and geographic data analysis. To learn more about planning and sustainability initiatives at the Town of Ithaca, visit www.town.ithaca.ny.us/planning and www.town.ithaca.ny.us/sustainability.

Requirements: Course work in planning, landscape architecture, environmental studies, energy use, sustainability, or other related fields. Strong written and oral communication skills. Experience with ArcGIS software and Microsoft Office is necessary. Local knowledge and possession of a driver license is desirable.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

This opportunity is open to candidates currently enrolled in a regionally accredited or New York State registered college or university with a major in Planning, Landscape Architecture, Environmental Studies, Sustainability, Energy Use, Climate Change, Geography, Engineering, or a related field, or to individuals who have graduated within the last 18-months.

SPECIAL NOTES:

The Internship is limited to a maximum of two years.

If an active college student, you must attach to your application documentation from your registrar's office showing that you are currently enrolled in college as a student in good standing. If graduated, attach a copy of your transcript. Failure to do this will result in "incomplete" status and your application will not move forward in the process.

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS:

This position assists the planning/sustainability staff in the daily routine of the Town Planning Department. This position provides an on-the-job learning experience for college students or recent graduates of the planning field while performing productive work for the department. The work is performed under direct supervision of technical or professional employees. The incumbent will perform related duties as required.

TYPICAL WORK ACTIVITIES:

- Conducts field surveys;
- Collects and analyzes data regarding land use, natural resources, population, housing, energy use, community services and facilities, etc.;
- Writes reports based on data collected;
- Does mapping, site planning, and other design work;
- Performs a variety of tasks using a personal computer and/or geographic information system.

KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, ABILITIES AND PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS:

- Good writing skills;
- Ability to read and prepare maps;
- Ability to prepare records and reports;
- Ability to operate IBM-compatible and Macintosh personal computers;
- Ability to perform research;
- Ability to work effectively with others;
- Willingness to learn.
- The employee's physical condition shall be commensurate with the demands of the position.

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FURTHER INFORMATION AND INSTRUCTIONS

Falsification of any part of the "Application for Employment" will result in disqualification.

Accepted candidates will be notified when and where to appear for the examination. If you do not receive your notice to appear at least three days before the date of the written examination, call Tompkins County Department of Human Resources at 274-5526. If an application is disapproved, due notice will be sent. This department does not make formal acknowledgment of the receipt of an application or take responsibility for non-delivery or postal delay.

Applicants must answer every question on the application form and make sure that the application is complete in all respects. Incomplete applications will be disapproved.

ACTIVE MILITARY PERSONNEL, VETERANS OR DISABLED VETERANS desiring to claim additional credit will request the Veterans Credits application form, at any time between the date of application for examination(s) and the date of the establishment of the resulting eligible list. You must meet the requirements set by NYS for these credits and they may be used only once. **YOU MAY NOT CLAIM ADDITIONAL CREDITS AFTER THE ELIGIBLE LIST HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED. IT IS THE CANDIDATE'S RESPONSIBILITY TO REQUEST THE VETERANS CREDIT APPLICATION FORMS AND TO SUBMIT THESE FORMS AND ANY SUPPORTING PAPERWORK BEFORE THE ELIGIBLE LIST IS ESTABLISHED.**

Tompkins County's written examinations are prepared and rated by the New York State Department of Civil Service in accordance with Section 23-2 of Civil Service Law. The provisions of the New York State Civil Service Rules and Regulations, which deal with the rating and review of the examinations apply.

The duration of the eligible lists may be fixed for a minimum of one and a maximum of four years and may be extended beyond four years if there has been a restriction against the filling of vacancies in that title.

The candidates must complete a separate "Application for Employment" for each open-competitive and/or promotional examination that the candidate is eligible to take.

All experience required meeting the acceptable training and experience is full-time experience. (Part-time experience will be credited on a prorated basis).

Appointment from an eligible list must be made from the top three candidates willing to accept the appointment.

Tompkins County is an Equal Opportunity Employer. As part of its efforts to provide employment opportunities to the physically handicapped, Tompkins County Civil Service has adopted a rule permitting the employment of qualified physically handicapped persons without competitive examination (pursuant to Section 55 of Civil Service Law). If you meet the minimum qualifications for this position and wish to know more about this rule, please contact the Tompkins County Department of Human Resources Office.

Unless otherwise notified, candidates are permitted to use quiet, hand-held, and solar or battery powered calculators. Devices with Typewriter Keyboards, Spell Checkers, Personal Digital Assistants, Address Books, Language Translators, Dictionaries or any similar devices are prohibited. You may not bring books or other reference materials.

CROSS-FILING - APPLYING FOR CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATIONS IN MULTIPLE JURISDICTIONS WHEN EXAMINATIONS ARE SCHEDULED ON THE SAME DATE: When applying for examinations across multiple jurisdictions - all of which are scheduled on the same day - you must submit a Tompkins County Cross-Filing Form. This form must be submitted no later than 4:30 PM on the final filing date of the examination. On this form, list each examination that you are taking and then tell us where you would like to sit. The purpose is to ensure that all of the test materials for the various examinations that you are taking will be available in one location. If you do not provide the cross-filing form to us by the final filing date, we cannot ensure that we can accommodate your desire to cross-file. If any of the examinations are State level examinations, you must sit at the State test center. You will still need to complete the Tompkins County cross-filing form. If sitting at the State site, the State will notify you of when and where to report for your examination(s) and you should bring all admittance letters to the State site. If you are not taking a State examination, bring all admittance letters to your chosen testing site. If you have any question please call Tompkins County Department of Human Resources Department (607) 274-5526. The Cross File form is located at <http://www.tompkins-co.org/personnel/CivilSrvForms/index.html>

FOR RELIGIOUS ACCOMMODATION AND HANDICAPPED PERSONS: If special arrangements for testing are required, please indicate this on your application.

ALL CANDIDATES FOR EMPLOYMENT FOR POSITIONS IN SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND BOCES GOVERNED BY TOMPKINS COUNTY CIVIL SERVICE MAY HAVE THE FOLLOWING SPECIAL REQUIREMENT. PER CHAPTER 180 OF THE LAWS OF 2000, AND BY REGULATIONS OF THE COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION, TO BE EMPLOYED IN A POSITION DESIGNATED BY A SCHOOL DISTRICT OR BOCES AS INVOLVING DIRECT CONTACT WITH STUDENTS, A CLEARANCE FOR EMPLOYMENT FROM THE STATE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT IS REQUIRED.

In conformance with Section 85-a of the Civil Service Law, children of firefighters and police officers killed in the line of duties shall be entitled to receive an additional ten points in a competitive examination for original appointment in the same municipality in which his or her parent has served. If you are qualified to participate in this examination and are a child of firefighter or police officer killed in the line of duties in this municipality, please inform this office of this matter when you submit your application for examination. A candidate claiming such credit has a minimum of two months from the application deadline to provide the necessary documentation to verify additional credit eligibility. However, no credit may be added after the eligible list has been established.

BACKGROUND INVESTIGATION: Applicants may be required to undergo a State and national criminal history background investigation, which will include a fingerprint check, to determine suitability for appointment. Failure to meet the standards for the background investigation may result in disqualification.

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