

Candidates for long-term internships in the context of a HEurope project (GreenME)

Barcelona Lab for Urban Environmental Justice and Sustainability (ICTA-UAB)

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The Barcelona Lab for Urban Environmental Justice and Sustainability (BCNUEJ) is part of the Institute of Environmental Science and Technology (ICTA) at the Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona (UAB). The BCNUEJ is an interdisciplinary, feminist and caring research group, aiming to contribute to just, sustainable and healthy cities. We build on urban planning, public health, public policy, urban geography, and urban and environmental sociology, to analyze the extent to which urban plans and policy decisions contribute (or not) to healthy and sustainable cities for all. To do so, we focus on putting the needs of underprivileged residents at the center of our research. Our research is organized in different research lines. We are currently looking for candidates interested in an internship in the context of the “Urban environment, health and equity” line.

What we are looking for

We are seeking long-term interns (minimum 3 months) within the context of a HEurope funded project (GreenME) to join our GreenME team at BCNUEJ. The GreenME project is a HEurope project that will: develop a comprehensive understanding of the current state of nature-based therapy (with their integration or not in healthcare systems) and green care in different study regions, provide new strong evidence regarding the degree to which and how specific nature-based therapies (and green care broadly) benefit mental health and wellbeing, empower green care actors to ensure the scaling-up of green care and its integration in healthcare systems. So, among others, GreenME will include interviews to different green care stakeholders, and semi-experimental studies and cross-sectional studies designed to evaluate the associations between exposure to nature and adults’ mental health, with a particular focus on evaluating the potential differences on these associations by gender. The project includes around 20 consortium partners in Europe and the US.

Location: Barcelona (Spain)

Key responsibilities:

Key responsibilities will vary depending on internship period and student interests, as an example:

- Spring 2023: semi-structured interviews and policy document analyses in Spain and US context
- Summer 2023: same as spring 2023, but also develop protocols to evaluate nature-based therapy interventions
- Autumn 2023, winter 2023-24: participate in the evaluation of nature-based therapy interventions, GIS work, development of surveys, recruitment of participants in Spain and the US

Mandatory eligibility criteria:

- Willing to commit to an internship of at least 3 months (i.e. 12 weeks)
- Being able to get external funding for the internship (e.g. PKG, Erasmus +, etc.) or completing the internship as a mandatory requirement for degree attainment.
- High motivation to work on interdisciplinary teams and to engage in intersectoral work
- Advanced English level, written as well as oral
- Autonomy
- Good organizational skills
- Good team member

What do we offer:

An exciting, young, transdisciplinary and international research environment with ample opportunities for exchange with scholars from related disciplines and learn from others at the universities and research institutes in the BCNUEJ, ICTA-UAB and consortium, including local partner organizations and local stakeholders.

Expressions of interest:

If you are interested, please, send the following information at mtrigueros@gmail.com helen.cole@uab.cat and paula.deprado@uab.cat with the subject “GreenME internship” (if you are an MIT student, please, also CC aliciag@mit.edu):

- Motivation letter (including the reasons behind your interest in ICTA-UAB, BCNUEJ and the GreenME project with clear examples to how they will contribute to your future goals, also include what would be the main goals of your internship)
- Curriculum Vitae
- Writing sample such as a student paper or master thesis (ideally in English)
- Contact details of at least one referee (no recommendation letter)