Innovate UA Internship
for University of Arizona, School of Government and Public Policy Students

General Description: Innovate UA is a semester-long intensive apprenticeship program in Spring 2019. The twelve Student Design Group members are trained in group facilitation, data collection/synthesis, and creative, collaborative problem-solving strategies. The Student Design Group have hands-on opportunities to apply their skills through real projects provided by our campus clients. This semester’s projects include working alongside UITS and UA Global to improve the user experience of student-facing technologies and reimagine a physical space respectively. Through these projects, the Student Design Group seeks out the experience and opinion of their peers to influence major campus and community initiatives.

Internship Available: Summer – No  Fall – Yes  Spring – Yes

Deadlines: Fall – June 30, Spring – October 31

Agency Minimum Qualifications: none

Relevant Skills + Mindsets: learner agility, listening, situational + self-awareness, proactive, collaborative, excellent communicator

Internship Description: (Paid)
The Innovate UA Student Design Group will...
- Work collaboratively in a multi-disciplinary team on real-world projects that make an impact on & off campus
- Gain experience in addressing complex problems using design thinking, lean startup, systems thinking and other creative problem-solving strategies
- Collect and synthesize stories, qualitative, and quantitative data
- Co-design and facilitate pop-up learning experiences to engage other students and enhance the creative problem capacity of their peers
- Build their personal network both on & off campus
- Receive personalized leadership coaching from campus & community mentors
- Differentiate themselves in a hyper-competitive job market by creating a portfolio of work to demonstrate ability to future employers

Purpose of the Internship: Innovate UA will provide accessible and meaningful opportunities for students to take on the role of innovation ecosystem builders and learn alongside their peers. A thriving ecosystem relies on its people to create a flow of talent, information, and resources. As a result, the whole is greater than the sum of its parts. The programs under this initiative endeavor to foster such an ecosystem by:
- Creating hands-on learning opportunities for students to practice in-demand skills
- Building generative partnerships across campus and the community
- Engaging employers and alumni to build the network of student participants
- Documenting and sharing the successes and failures of the initiative to inspire and inform others through our learnings

To Apply: Completed resume and creative cover letter

Expected Contact: We will contact you via email approximately two weeks after the posted deadline if you have been selected to participate in an interview.

Contact Person: If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out. Carly Croman, carolinecroman@email.arizona.edu