Internship Opportunity: Impact Spending & Strategic Initiatives Intern

This internship offers a unique opportunity to develop professional skills, gain exposure to strategic business initiatives, and contribute to work that helps create lasting positive impact for communities, suppliers, and the environment.

Impact Spending at Kaiser Permanente

Impact Spending leverages Kaiser Permanente's purchasing power to build healthy, equitable, and sustainable economies. We ensure Kaiser Permanente's spending decisions are environmentally sound, economically viable, and socially equitable. We target spend in our communities to address economic and environmental disparities, ultimately creating positive health outcomes. Impact Spending is seeking one or two motivated interns to support a range of strategic initiatives that drive positive environmental, economic, and community health impact. This internship offers a unique opportunity to gain hands-on experience supporting projects in community outreach, small business technical assistance, economic development, greenhouse gas reduction and economic development.

As an intern, you may contribute to projects such as:

- Supporting initiatives to reduce plastics and chemicals of concern in food service operations and patient meal distribution.
- Conducting research and analysis to help purchasing leaders make informed sourcing decisions that advance sustainability, strengthen local economies, and expand opportunities for small and underrepresented businesses.
- Improving supplier communications, outreach strategies, and engagement processes.
- Assisting with supplier outreach events, educational programs, and stakeholder engagement activities.
- Website management/construction
- Internal process automation
- Supporting sustainable construction and procurement initiatives.
- Helping identify opportunities to increase participation and growth among small business suppliers and subcontractors.

This role provides exposure to cross-functional teams and offers the opportunity to contribute to projects that influence how one of the nation's leading healthcare organizations creates value for communities while advancing business objectives.

Desired Qualifications

We are looking for candidates who are interested in one or more of the following areas:

- Sustainability and environmental stewardship
- Economic and community development
- Supply chain and procurement
- Small business and supplier development
- Social impact and corporate responsibility
- Business operations and project management

Pertinent skills include:

- Process improvement and problem-solving
- Marketing, writing and verbal communication
- Organization and attention to detail
- Research and data analysis
- Website and automation familiarity
- Microsoft Office proficiency, particularly Outlook, Excel and PowerPoint

What We're Looking For

Successful candidates will be curious, proactive, collaborative, and eager to learn. They should be comfortable working on a variety of projects, managing multiple priorities, and engaging with diverse stakeholders. Having a passion for creating meaningful impact through innovative business practices that support environmental sustainability, economic opportunity, and healthier communities, will benefit these candidates.