



ECONOMIC IMPACT RESEARCH INTERNSHIP

The Problem

Small businesses are a huge part of the US economy, but their local and regional economic impacts are often overlooked. In addition, the economic impacts of circular economy practices in small business operations are virtually unstudied. Unlike many large corporations, small businesses don't have the time or resources to conduct their own economic impact analysis, but they can benefit immensely from this type of information.

The Opportunity

What is the economic impact of cultivating a local circular economy on the southwest side of Chicago? The Economic Impact Research intern will work with businesses in Plant Chicago's network to gather data, synthesize results, and report on the economic impact of small businesses implementing circular economy practices. This project will collect firm-level data but will focus on the collective economic impact of Plant Chicago's local circular economy network.

Basic Qualifications

Intern must be 18 years of age or older and have the ability and desire to communicate with diverse audiences. This position will require an intern to be onsite at Plant Chicago's location (4459 S Marshfield Ave) for a minimum of 8 hours per week. Additional hours may be completed offsite if desired.

Desired Interest & Experience

- Economic impact assessments
- Local economy research
- Data analysis
- Report writing
- Interest in and/or experience working with small businesses

The Economy Impact Research intern will work with Plant Chicago's Small Business & Circular Economy Manager.

To apply: Please send a resume and cover letter to Liz Lyon, Small Business and Circular Economy Manager, at elizabeth@plantchicago.org. Applications will be accepted until Thursday, April 30.