Bridging The Gap (BTG) works to make the Kansas City region sustainable by “connecting environment, economy and community,” and is the premier organization in the area providing environmental education and volunteer action through more than 1,500 volunteers annually.

Program: Heartland Tree Alliance

Name of Internship: Heartland Tree Alliance Kansas Internship

Length of Internship: Spring 2022

Internship Description
This internship supports Heartland Tree Alliance (HTA) to promote a healthy community forest by training volunteers to plant and maintain trees in the Kansas City metro. This position would support the Street Tree Planting initiative in Kansas. The intern would work with the program manager and program associate to canvas for tree planting locations and assist with volunteer coordination and recruitment, while learning about the value of urban trees, tree care, and community engagement.

Major Responsibilities
Communicate the importance of trees and get buy-in from adjacent property owners to adopt the tree for a two-year period. Coordinate volunteers for tree plantings and assist with volunteer oversight during the workday. Track and utilize ArcGIS to inventory newly planted trees as well as assist in contract reporting. Conduct community surveys. Identify appropriate tree planting locations throughout Kansas City. Track and utilize ArcGIS to inventory newly planted trees as well as assist in contract reporting.

Skills/Experience Needed
- Strong written and oral communication skills
- Basic computer skills with ArcGIS experience preferred
- Experience working with volunteers preferred
- Ability to lift 50 pounds
- Willing to use own vehicle for transport when needed
- Ability to work some weekends if needed

Time Commitment: Flexible Days/Week: 2-3 Hours/Week: 8-12

To apply, please send a cover letter, resume to volunteer@bridgingthegap.org and reference the name of the internship you are applying for.