

DESIGNWORKS FELLOWSHIP

DesignWorks Project Support Fellow

Help advance community-centered design across East Tennessee.

This opportunity is a critical part of the ETCDC Community Design Fellows Program. The fellow will contribute to ETCDC's current DesignWorks projects through collaborative design, photography, client communication, historical research, writing, and project management.

WHAT YOU'LL DO

- Assist during "potential client" interviews and prepare background research documents for 5-7 DesignWorks projects.
- Participate in site visits; photographic documentation, pre-design assessment, and diagrammatic program summaries.
- Prepare DesignWorks project briefs for volunteer selections.
- Prepare conceptual decision documents for at least one DesignWorks project in cooperation with a local professional.

WHAT YOU'LL GAIN

- A professional understanding of design and client communications and project understanding.
- A professional portfolio featuring real-world community design projects.
- Mentorship, feedback, and connections with design and nonprofit leaders.
- Practical skills in research, pre-design, design, client interaction, and professional interaction skills.

AT A GLANCE

Term: Sept. 8–Dec. 4, 2026

Time: Up to 20 hours/week

Pay: \$15/hour

Location: Knoxville-based with regional travel

APPLY BY

FRIDAY, AUGUST 14

5:00 PM EASTERN

Send the following to

info@communitydc.org

- Current résumé
- Brief statement of interest
- Relevant work samples, if available
- One academic or professional reference

SUBJECT LINE:

"Storytelling Internship"

Reliable transportation is required. A consistent weekly schedule will be established around academic commitments and ETCDC project needs.

A STRONG FIT FOR

Undergraduate or graduate students in architecture, landscape architecture, interior architecture, urban planning, or related fields. Strong graphic, written communication and organizational skills, as well as an interest in community impact are essential. Architecture, landscape architecture, interior architecture, urban planning educational experience is preferred. A candidate with a desire to build the skills necessary to communicate clearly and collaborate effectively is essential.

A FELLOWSHIP THAT INVESTS IN PEOPLE, PLACE & POSSIBILITY

TALENT PIPELINE

Paid experience, mentorship, and a professional portfolio.

ORGANIZATIONAL CAPACITY

A stronger archive and clearer stories of impact.

COMMUNITY IMPACT

Narratives that help communities envision and fund what comes next.