Quick Information:

Organization Name: Park + Institute Sitiê

Related Words: Environment, Sustainability, Planning, Policy

Location: Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

Program Length: Variable

Language Level: No requirement

Relevant Area of Study: Architecture, Design, Urbanism (GSD), Public Policy (HKS)

Short Paragraph:

Organization Mission Statement: Located in the heart of the favela of Vidigal, Sitiê is a 8,500m² green public space and Institute for the Environment, Arts and Technology with community leadership and ownership. It was started in 2006 with the initiative of Mauro Quintanilha and Paulo César de Almeida to clean and reforest what was previously a 16-ton trash dump and has evolved over the last two years into a globally recognized innovation in urban development, sustainability and resilience. Through a coalition between the community, multidisciplinary experts and investors with know-how, the Park and Institute has been delivering concrete results and scalable solutions to pressing global urban problems: transforming degraded areas into green public space, containing disorganized growth, reducing the risk of landslides through multifunctional resilience infrastructure, creating green jobs, stimulating local businesses and increasing citizenship engagement. For more information: www.parquesitie.org

Student Intern Activities: As the Sitiê Summer Intern in Policy, your work will be focused on building our chapter model and expanding Sitiê as network of people and projects that share a common vision for a sustainable and equitable urban future. Through this network, you will work on the research and design of public policies, grant writing and mobilization and advocacy for collective action at a variety of scales – especially in relation to clean water and energy policy. As Brazil faces mounting and interrelated water and energy crises, this work is increasingly urgent and essential. As we scale up our work on these issues, the summer of 2016 is of particular resonance and importance as the eyes of the world will be focused on Rio de Janeiro for the 2016 Olympics Games.