

Dear Community Engaged Learning Officers,

It is a pleasure to contact you regarding my application for the Civic Leaders Internship Program (CLIP). My name is Jhonathan Ordinola, and I am currently a Ph.D. student in Natural Resources with an Emphasis in Human Dimensions. My academic journey is built upon a robust legal foundation, including a Bachelor of Laws degree from Peru and a Master of Laws degree from Penn State Dickinson Law, complemented by professional experience in administrative and environmental law. My current research at Mizzou focuses specifically on public perceptions and social acceptance of energy infrastructure projects in Missouri.

I am deeply interested in CLIP because it represents a critical opportunity to translate my specialized knowledge and international experience into direct, tangible contributions for the state of Missouri, particularly within its rapidly evolving energy sector. Currently, Missouri holds a privileged national position in this sector, from developing new nuclear energy infrastructures to power data centers, to expanding interstate transmission lines to make more energy affordable. Agencies like the Public Service Commission, the Attorney General's Office, and the Department of Natural Resources are uniquely positioned to improve the lives of Missouri residents through the regulation and supervision of this new energy developments.

My background equips me with the experience and skills to contribute to these offices. I have managed complex administrative cases before Peruvian regulatory bodies, including the Environmental Control and Regulatory Agency and the Regulatory Agency of Investment of Energy and Mining. Furthermore, my expertise in U.S. energy policies spans from quantitative policy analysis using Stata, effective stakeholder engagement, to research on energy and environmental community issues. I am confident I possess the analytical and practical skills to support the state's public service goals.

Conversely, this internship would allow me to gain firsthand insight from current leaders in Missouri's energy sector, expand my career path beyond the academia, and become more directly involved in public policy decision-making that impacts under disadvantaged communities.

Thank you for considering my application. I eagerly await the opportunity to discuss my qualifications and how they match the objectives of CLIP and the offices mentioned above in greater depth.

Kind regards,

Jhonathan Ordinola