



SUMMER 2024

STUDENT OPPORTUNITY AT UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND, BALTIMORE

*Legal and Policy Approaches to Increase  
Long Term Land Access for Urban Agriculture*

**OVERVIEW:** One 10 week/400-hour student internship is being offered to a student with a background in public policy, planning, urban ecology, or urban agriculture. Funded by the [University of Maryland Strategic Partnership \(MPOWER\)](#), the project is part of the UM Scholars program for a University of Maryland College Park student to conduct research on the potential and existing land tenure models employed to increase agricultural land use in urban and peri-urban settings. The selected student will receive \$5,500 for the work, to be paid in two installments over the 10 weeks.

**IDEAL CANDIDATE:** This project is appropriate for a student from the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources, College of Behavioral and Social Sciences, School of Public Policy, or any other student interested in planning, urban ecology, or environmental law. Student must be actively enrolled in Fall 2024 semester to be considered.

**LOCATION:** Hybrid: In-person & Remote. Traveling to, and parking at UMB, is the responsibility of the student and paid for in the stipend.

**Faculty Lead:** Margaret Todd, JD, Senior Legal Specialist and Managing Director for the Agriculture Law Education Initiative at the University of Maryland, Baltimore, Carey School of Law.

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**ABOUT THE PROJECT:**

The University of Maryland Extension (UME) and the [Agriculture Law Education Initiative](#) (ALEI) are conducting research to assess opportunities and challenges for attaining urban farmland access and the policies supporting better land and infrastructure access. This study will result in the publication of example policies and case studies from MD and across the US to educate municipalities on their options for supporting farmland tenure in urban and urbanized areas. The UM Scholar will conduct a literature review, work with our team to establish quantitative and qualitative data points based on analysis of survey responses, conduct direct outreach and case study interviews with farmers and local government officials to help draft the final report.

Being on the team for this project would include working with a law student attending Maryland Carey School of Law and attending virtual meetings with farmers, local government officials, Extension faculty, and other experts with a background in agriculture and the environment. The proposed project may include trips to agricultural operations to understand their common agricultural law issues. Working on this project will also allow for future inclusion as a contributing author on conference presentations, journal articles, and Extension publications developed from the research.

**For more information on University of Maryland Extension (UME):** <https://extension.umd.edu/>



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**For more information on the Agriculture Law Education Initiative (ALEI): <https://umaglaw.org/>**

***International Students:** F-1 or J-1 students should consult an International Students and Scholars Services (ISSS) advisor for this activity. If you are interested in applying, **please contact ISSS** before submitting your application.*

**APPLY HERE.**

**Application Deadline: 11:59 on Sunday, February 25, 2024.**

*Application must include:*

1. A Statement of Interest (no more than 500 words) as a PDF. Please identify the file as follows:  
Your\_Last\_Name\_SOI
2. A PDF of your current resume. Please identify the file as follows: Your\_Last\_Name\_Resume

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