Internship Opportunity in the
Center for Rebuilding Sustainable Communities after Disasters

This internship in the Center for Rebuilding Sustainable Communities after Disasters (CRSCAD) at the University of Massachusetts Boston provides a unique opportunity for a graduate student to gain a broad exposure to issues in global post-disaster sustainable rebuilding and learn about the leading networks, organizations, and agencies from the local to the international level that carry out this work. Working under the supervision of the Center’s Director, Professor Adenrele Awotona, the intern’s responsibilities will include research on post-disaster topics (including using archival and electronic sources to collect data); fostering collaborations between CRSCAD, NGOs, and grassroots organizations; and, assisting with the planning and hosting of academic events. The intern should have a Bachelor’s degree, be enrolled in a Masters or PhD program, be fluent in the English language, and possess excellent writing skills. This internship is unpaid. Hours are flexible, scheduled by mutual agreement with the Director, and the intern should plan on working between 5 and 15 hours per week. The starting date and duration of the internship are also flexible and can be agreed upon with the Director in advance, but a four-week minimum commitment is required. Applicants should contact: Professor Adenrele Awotona at adenrele.awotona@umb.edu

CRSCAD’s Mission:

The Center for Rebuilding Sustainable Communities after Disasters is the only institution of its kind dedicated to raising awareness and possessing the expertise necessary for long-term sustainable reconstruction. CRSCAD truly encompasses the multidisciplinary approach to sustainability and disaster relief. Examples of disasters are framed by bad governance and poverty, environmental pollution, HIV/AIDS, wars, conflicts, severe weather-related events, earthquakes, large-scale attacks on civilian populations, technological catastrophes, and influenza pandemics.

We accomplish our mission, in part, by:

- Engaging in multidisciplinary, transdisciplinary and cross-disciplinary research activities
- Assisting local, national and international agencies as well as the victims of disasters to develop practical, sustainable and long-term solutions to the social, economic and environmental consequences of disasters
- Providing expert advice and training to communities which have been devastated by disasters
- Training post-disaster managers worldwide for the challenges of the 21st century through an 18-credit graduate certificate program and a professional development certificate, offered in conjunction with University College