Internship 5 – Laws That Learn

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Environmental policy requires designing regulations that are appropriate for complex, dynamic natural systems. Policymakers often regulate before they have perfect knowledge about the science, the impacts of new technologies, or both. In other circumstances, new practices may evolve, making existing environmental regulations inadequate for addressing harm or realizing benefits.

The person chosen for this position will work with Jonas Monast and other Nicholas Institute program directors to evaluate:

- Examples of laws designed to allow or require regulation to evolve based on advances in science or a better understanding of environmental impacts;
- Barriers to enacting new laws in response to scientific advances or new technologies/practices; and
- Options for considering when and how a flexible regulatory approach is appropriate.

Applicants should have strong research and writing skills. A graduate-level student researcher that has experience with legal or public policy research is desired.

To apply, please send a cover letter and resume to jonas.monast@duke.edu by August 28.