

# Wexner Medical Center – Sustainability Intern

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## INTRODUCTION

I started my internship at The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center on June 15<sup>th</sup> and am currently working reduced hours through the semester.

This is a hybrid position so when I wasn't working remotely, I would be in one of the many buildings that are part of the OSUMC, including:

- The Eye and Ear Institute
- Ross Heart Hospital
- OSUMC Administrative Building

The OSUMC is responsible for providing care to hundreds of thousands outpatient and inpatient clients and offers a wide variety of services.

## FINDING THIS POSITION

I obtained this position through a recommendation. I applied to several positions at OSU and was eventually recommended to apply for this one. After an interview with my supervisor, I was offered the position and began working.

## WHY OSUMC IS UNIQUE

The OSUMC has committed to the same sustainability goals as OSU. What makes this unique is the challenges that the healthcare industry presents:

- The healthcare industry is the 4<sup>th</sup> largest consumer of energy
- Specific and necessary requirements regarding sanitation
- Tons of single use plastics for safety reasons

## FREQUENT DUTIES

This position was very project based, but some frequent duties included:

- Updating spreadsheets regarding inventory
- Connecting with other departments to assist with projects

## ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Some of the bigger projects I've assisted on include:

- FY22 waste diversion analysis
- Scope-3 emissions analysis
- ENERGY STAR building analysis



Picture from the top floor of the Wexner Medical Center where I was helping distribute recycling bins

## MOVING FORWARD

Moving forward with my career, I would like to get involved with environmental consulting, which would be similar to what I did through this position. Also, I never really considered the healthcare industry as one I wanted to work in, but after seeing the challenges they face, I could see myself working in this industry in the future.

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