

# ALYSSA KAWANO

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## EDUCATION

### Harvard University Graduate School of Design

Cambridge, MA / Class of 2026

Master in Urban Planning Candidate /  
Urban Design Concentration

### University of California, Berkeley College of Environmental Design

Berkeley, CA / Class of 2023

B.A. Urban Studies (Honors)

B.S. Society and Environment (Honors) /  
US Policy and Management

Minor in Sustainable Design

Cumulative GPA: 3.90 / 4.00

## AWARDS

### Harvard Climate Fellowship

June - August 2025

Summer funding & mentorship program  
for work advancing climate policy.

### APA Diversity Scholarship

October 2024

National award for advancing social  
equity & academic achievement in the  
planning field.

## SKILLS

**3D Modeling & Rendering:** Rhino,  
SketchUp, V-Ray, Enscape

**Adobe:** Illustrator, InDesign, Photoshop

**Spatial Analysis:** ArcGIS Pro, R Studio

## WORK EXPERIENCE

### San Francisco Planning Department

Waterfront Design Fellow / San Francisco, CA / June - August 2025

Produced & presented site analyses, precedents, & concept designs for Ferry  
Building plazas.

Built skills in visual storytelling & planning analysis, translating design ideas  
into clear graphics & narratives.

Contributed to inter-agency coordination discussions, using the plaza project  
to show how departments align & implement.

### San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency

Livable Streets Intern / San Francisco, CA / June 2023 - March 2024

Assembled bicycle parking legislative packets for legibility at public hearings  
& with installation teams.

Conducted 30+ hours of fieldwork to identify sidewalk parking & on-street  
corral sites to support long-term sustainable urban mobility initiatives.

Managed data for 100+ bicycle parking items, contributing to striping  
drawing updates for urban infrastructure improvements.

### urbnARC

Sustainable Design Intern / Singapore, SG / June - August 2022

Developed & refined architectural models to promote sustainable design and  
convey plans to clients.

Participated in on-site project visits to understand how effective  
communication ensures sustainability in design implementation.

Contributed to strategic meetings, gaining insights into sustainable sourcing  
& long-term sustainability goals.

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

### SDG Undergraduate Research Group

Urban Agriculture Researcher / Berkeley, CA / February - May 2022

Analyzed GIS data for over 30 urban agriculture sites to deepen  
understanding of local food systems & community sustainability.

Created an interactive Story Maps website to enhance public engagement  
with urban agriculture, underscoring its impact on food sovereignty & social  
equity.

Presented research at biannual symposium, uplifting role of equitable access  
in fostering sustainable urban food landscapes.

### EARTHDAY.ORG

Research Intern / Washington D.C. / September - December 2020

Evaluated CSR commitments & actual achievements of over 100 leading  
companies, providing insights to advise sponsorship proposals.

Drafted grant proposal advocating for regenerative agriculture to enhance  
ecological resilience.