Socioeconomic Research Internship

Purpose

To provide learning opportunities and practical work experience in economic research in coastal Georgia.

Objectives

- Assist in the implementation of economic analyses of Georgia’s marine resources
- Conduct interviews, data management, statistical analyses, and other tasks to support the mission of the Marine Economics Specialist
- Assist with other needs as requested

Project Description

This temporary position will be assigned to the Brunswick station of the University of Georgia Marine Extension and Georgia Sea Grant. The position will function as a research assistant to the Marine Economics Program and will be supervised by Adam Stemle - Marine Economics Specialist. The selected applicant will assist in implementing a variety of economic analyses of Georgia’s marine resources. Research topics may include estimating the economic impacts of recreational and For-Hire fishing in the state, ecosystem service valuation of coastal systems, commercial fishing and seafood dealer operational structures studies, and economic impacts of coastal tourism in the state of Georgia. Work will involve conducting large amounts survey mailings, conducting field interviews, performing data entry of survey responses, and fielding phone calls from respondents with questions or concerns. This assistant will also help with basic data cleaning, statistically analyses, and drafting reports. The selected applicant is expected to work on-site at the Brunswick office and to conduct field interviews where necessary. The position will typically require 30-40 hours of work per week. The position is anticipated to last up to 3-4 months.

Requirements

- Proficient English composition skills and ability to present information effectively in writing and orally
- Proficient in the use of Microsoft Excel and Word software
- Familiarity with basic marine and coastal resources
- Must satisfy all requirements for seasonal, temporary hourly employee of the University of Georgia OR undergraduate student worker. Undergraduate student
workers must be enrolled in classes prior to and post internship and be able to provide enrollment documentation

- Graduation from high school and currently enrolled university student in an undergraduate degree program in the fields of Natural Resource Economics, Economics, Mathematics, Social Sciences, or other related fields.

Preferred Skills and Attributes
1. Previous experience assisting with research.
2. Familiar with statistical techniques.
3. Experience or coursework utilizing statistical programs such as R, SAS, STATA, SPSS, or MATLAB.

Hourly Rate:
$14.50/hour

Supervisor:
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