



Boat Operations Student Internship, Fall or Spring Semester

Purpose

To provide experiential learning opportunities and practical work experience in the field of marine vessel operations with an environmental focus. The position is intended for an undergraduate student to explore career interest and develop skills working closely with boat captains on a variety of vessels used in environmental education activities on Skidaway Island, Georgia.

Objectives

- Assist in the daily operations of marine vessels including (but not limited to) Carolina Skiffs and a 42ft trawling research vessel
- To assist in the development of recreational boating outreach materials
- Assist in maintaining procedural and policy documents as needed, under the supervision and guidance of the Marine Operations Supervisor

Project Description

Marine Extension and Georgia Sea Grant is looking for a motivated and energetic individual who enjoys working with diverse groups of people and is interested in pursuing a career in marine vessel operations. The internship is offered throughout the academic year and will require 5-10 hours of service for 8-12 weeks depending on schedule and availability. Both credit based and non-credit based opportunities are available.

The intern will report directly to the Marine Operations Supervisor and will assist in the daily operations of marine vessels at the UGA Marine Extension and Georgia Sea Grant. These may include, but are not limited to, helping to prepare vessels for educational programming, helping to clean vessels after return, assisting in scientific sample collection, and providing assistance in land-based activities. Qualified candidates should demonstrate an interest in a career on boats.

This position is unpaid, but eligible for Experiential Learning Credit through participating universities. Experiential learning is the development of knowledge, skills, abilities, values, behaviors and attitudes through first-hand experiences outside of the traditional classroom. Many colleges and universities provide credit to students who participate in Experiential Learning activities. For UGA students, Experiential Learning credit is required for graduation. For more information about how to receive Experiential Learning Credits through your university, speak to your academic advisor.

Location and Hours

- Position based at UGA Marine Education Center and Aquarium on UGA's Skidaway Marine Science Campus, Skidaway Island (30 Ocean Science Circle)
- 8-12 weeks, 5-10 hours per week, Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. No work during university holidays or on weekends. Schedule will be determined between intern and supervisor.

Minimum Requirements

- Must be at least 18 years of age
- Intern must be currently enrolled in accredited college/university
- United States citizen or possess a valid U.S. work visa
- Physical ability to work outdoors in summer heat and lift objects up to 50 lbs
- Pre and post internship assessments, progress and summary reports, and exit interview

Preferred Requirements

- Previous experience working on marine vessels
- Valid driver's license
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills
- Ability to work independently and as part of a small team
- First Aid and CPR certification

Supervisor

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