

EcoScapes Semester Internship, Not For Academic Credit

Purpose

To provide experiential learning opportunities and practical work experience in the field of environmental stewardship through sustainable landscapes. This position is intended for an undergraduate student with an interest in exploring career interests and developing skills and networking relationships while assisting the EcoScapes Sustainable Land Use Program of the UGA Marine Extension and Georgia Sea Grant.

Objectives

- Assist in implementation of ecological native landscape outreach projects and research
- Utilize skills and knowledge gathered during undergraduate studies
- Work in an environment conducive to learning and professional growth

Project Description

UGA Marine Extension and Georgia Sea Grant is looking for a motivated and energetic individual who enjoys working independently and as a team and is interested in assisting Georgians to become better natural resource stewards through sustainable landscapes. The *EcoScapes Internship* will be hosted at the UGA Marine Extension and Georgia Sea Grant office in Brunswick, Georgia, and can be accomplished in person or remotely.

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.

In Person or Remote Internship

The intern will assist with projects that involve research, outreach, planning, communication, and network building. This will include helping with project management, event coordination and the development of outreach materials. Examples of EcoScapes Sustainable Land Use Program efforts can be seen at:

<https://gacoast.uga.edu/outreach/programs/ecoscapes/>

<https://gacoast.uga.edu/outreach/resources-outreach/native-plant-search-engine/>

Location and Hours

- In person internship is based at the UGA Marine Extension and Georgia Sea Grant office in Brunswick (715 Bay Street).
- Remote internship will report to Keren Giovengo and jointly will determine the best way to accomplish goals.

- Duration is one semester (fall or spring), 5-10 hours per week, Monday-Friday. Supervisor and intern will determine a schedule that works best for both.

Minimum Requirements

- Must be at least 18 years of age
- Intern must be currently enrolled in an institution of higher education
- Completion of internship application
- United States citizen or possess a valid U.S. work visa
- Physical ability to work outdoors in heat and lift objects up to 50 lbs
- Pre and post internship assessments, progress and summary reports, and exit interview
- End-of-term project that will be used by UGA Marine Extension and Georgia Sea Grant beyond the term of the internship. Project will be designed in collaboration between supervisor and intern

Preferred Requirements

- Previous experience working on public education, outreach, or the translation of science to end users
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills
- Experience using MS Office Suite (Excel, Word, PowerPoint), email and social media
- Ability to work independently and as part of a small team

Supervisor

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