



Pre-K – 4th Grade Education Internship For Academic Credit

Purpose

The purpose of this position is to provide a motivated individual with hands-on experience conducting informal environmental education alongside professional educators in an aquarium setting. This internship opportunity is intended for an undergraduate student interested in continuing a career in environmental education and/or marine science, and eager to expand his or her professional network within the field.

Objectives

- Assist with PreK-4th grade introductory marine science programs
- Utilize skills and knowledge gathered during undergraduate studies
- Work in an environment conducive to learning and professional growth
- Network with informal and marine science educators and researchers

Project Description

Marine Extension and Georgia Sea Grant is looking for a motivated and energetic individual who enjoys working with students ages 4-10 and has some background and/or college education in working with elementary age students. Dive Down Deep (Pre-k) and Sea Star (K-4th) programs run throughout the school year from September to May and are held from 10am-12pm. The intern will work with marine education faculty, staff, and volunteers to assist with and lead activities for groups of elementary students at the UGA Marine Education Center and Aquarium near Savannah, Georgia. Development of new activities and materials is encouraged, based on the program's needs and opportunities to help at public events will be available throughout the year.

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.

Additionally, intern is eligible to receive academic credit, internship credit, and/or directed research credit for the internship through his/her participating University department. It is the responsibility of the intern to enroll in a credit-based course prior to internship start date. If candidate is unsure how to enroll in an internship credit course, speak to an academic advisor at his or her University about available



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opportunities, and reach out to marineinternship@uga.edu with any specific position-related questions.

Minimum Requirements

- Must be at least 18 years of age
- Completion of internship application and background check
- Valid state driver's license
- United States citizen or possess a valid U.S. work visa
- Pre and post internship assessments, progress and summary reports, and exit interview
- Must have some availability from 9am-12pm Monday through Friday
- Other hours from 8am-4:30pm Monday through Friday

Preferred Requirements

- Previous experience working with children ages 4-10
- Enrollment in a related major at the college level
- Excellent team working, communication, and leadership skills
- First Aid and CPR certification

Supervisor:

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