



Coastal Resilience Semester Internship, For Academic Credit

Purpose

This internship will provide experiential learning opportunities and practical work experience in the field of coastal resilience to flooding, sea level rise and storm surge. The position is intended for an undergraduate student to explore career interest and develop skills and networking relationships while assisting with the coastal community resilience program for UGA Marine Extension and Georgia Sea Grant.

Objectives

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

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 helping communities build environmental, economic and social resilience to weather and climate hazards. The *Coastal Resilience Internship* will be hosted at the UGA Marine Extension and Georgia Sea Grant office in Athens, 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.

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

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 coastal resilience efforts can be seen at:

- <https://gacoast.uga.edu/outreach/programs/coastal-hazards/>
- <https://gacoast.uga.edu/research/major-projects/sea-level-rise/>

Location and Hours

- In-person internship is based at the UGA Marine Extension and Georgia Sea Grant office in Athens, Georgia (1180 E. Broad St.)
- 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

- 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
- 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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