CARE Coordination Internship

Purpose

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 marine education. This internship is intended for undergraduate or graduate students with an interest in pursuing a career in marine education, sustainable tourism or related field. The intern will support the coordination of Marine Extension and Georgia Sea Grant's Coastal Awareness and Ecotourism Certification (CARE) program.

Objectives

- Assist in implementation of grant funded ecotourism certification course
- Utilize skills and knowledge gathered during undergraduate/graduate studies
- Work in an environment conducive to learning and professional growth

Project Description

The successful candidate for this internship will provide support for registration, online learning platform and scheduling of a four-week blended learning opportunity designed for individuals working in coastal, water-based tourism including but not limited to paddle outfitters and charter boat companies.

The CARE program combines online work-at-your-own-pace content, live teleconferencing guided conversation sessions and a culminating in-person, field-based component. The goal of the CARE certification program is to support responsible ecotourism by providing a marketable credential, increasing communication between tour businesses and the agencies trying to reduce recreational disturbance on wildlife, and creating a standard level of information that individuals can convey to their customers.

This position will help support the second cohort of this professional certification course established in 2021.

Location and Hours

- The internship will be based at the UGA Marine Education Center and Aquarium near Savannah, Georgia, and can be accomplished either in-person or virtually.
- 16 weeks/20 hours per week minimum, 320+ hours of experiential learning
- Dates: Jan. 3 – April 29, 2022

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

- Has skills and facility in using a variety of online software platforms
- Basic knowledge of WordPress or similar
- Pursuing education degree and/or has interest in environmental education or sustainable tourism as a career

Hourly Rate:

$14/hour

Supervisor

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