



Public Programs & Outreach Internship, For Academic Credit

Purpose

This internship will provide experiential learning opportunities and practical work experience in the fields of marine science and environmental education. The position is intended for an undergraduate student to practice communicating science to the public, learn how to create marine education/outreach materials, and extend the reach of UGA Marine Extension and Georgia Sea Grant programming to inland audiences.

Objectives

- Co-develop outreach/education materials that highlight important, relevant and timely research from UGA Marine Extension and Georgia Sea Grant faculty, students, and scholars.
- Lead implementation of outreach programs for inland audiences at local events in Athens, GA (i.e., Science Nights at Clarke County schools, farmers markets, Athens Water Festival)
- Apply skills and scientific knowledge from undergraduate studies to communicate science to the public.

Project Description

Marine Extension and Georgia Sea Grant is looking for a motivated, energetic, and passionate individual who enjoys working with diverse groups of people and is interested in learning to communicate science to different audiences. The *Public Programs & Outreach Intern* will collaborate virtually with faculty from the UGA Marine Education Center and Aquarium in Savannah, Georgia to develop and implement educational programming in Athens, Georgia. As part of their project, the Public Programs & Outreach Intern will create hands-on, interactive educational programming in collaboration with UGA marine education faculty and then pilot these programs at local Athens public events (i.e., Insect-ival, YMCA STEAM Club).

This position is unpaid but satisfies the Experiential Learning requirement for the University of Georgia. Experiential learning is the development of knowledge, skills, abilities, values, behaviors and attitudes through first-hand experiences outside of the traditional classroom. For more information about how to receive Experiential Learning Credit at UGA, speak to your academic advisor or visit <https://el.uga.edu/contact/>.

Location and Hours

- Position is based in Athens, GA.
- Hybrid internship opportunity
 - Weekly virtual meetings with UGA Marine Extension and Georgia Sea Grant faculty in Savannah
 - In-person programming in Athens, GA.
- Duration of internship is one semester (Spring 2023)
- Intern is expected to work 5hrs/week
- Hours will vary but weekend and evening hours are expected
- Intern will work with their supervisor (Austin Heil) to determine their availability

Minimum Requirements

- Must be at least 18 years of age
- Must be currently enrolled at the University of Georgia and live near Athens.
- Completion of internship application and background check
- United States citizen or possess a valid U.S. work visa

- Physical ability to work outdoors and lift objects up to 50lbs
- Completion of pre/post internship assessments, progress/summary reports, and exit interview
- Ability to produce outreach/educational materials that can be used beyond the term of the internship. Materials will be designed in collaboration between supervisor and intern
- Valid state driver's license

Preferred Requirements

- Previous experience working with public groups (including children)
- Previous experience communicating science to the public
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills
- Ability to work independently and as part of a small team

Supervisor

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