



## **Environmental Education Resource Intern: “Wetlands and Me: Watershed Connectivity through Virtual Reality”**

### **Purpose**

This internship is designed for a currently-enrolled undergraduate student. The selected intern will develop resources to accompany a new educational initiative in the Athens-Clarke County area, *Wetlands and Me: Watershed Connectivity through Virtual Reality*. The student working in this position will gain experience developing science curricula and promoting educational programs. This internship is designed for a student interested in pursuing a career in environmental or marine science education.

### **Objectives**

- Assist in the implementation of an educational initiative for diverse audiences
- Develop skills using Georgia Science Standards of Excellence for curriculum development
- Build organizational and communication skills
- Gain experience working in an environment conducive to professional growth

### **Project Description**

UGA Marine Extension and Georgia Sea Grant is seeking a candidate to assist with the development of educational resources for the program, *Wetlands and Me: Watershed Connectivity through Virtual Reality*. This program uses virtual reality as a tool for environmental education and is a collaboration between UGA Marine Extension and Georgia Sea Grant, the Clarke County School District, and Sandy Creek Nature Center. The program provides both formal and informal educational opportunities for students in Athens and on the Georgia coast.

The intern will assist with lesson development, ensuring alignment to Georgia Science Standards of Excellence. The intern will also prepare resource kits for school and public libraries and will serve as a liaison to deliver these materials to these locations. The intern will coordinate with classroom educators as needed to deliver and retrieve Wetlands and Me program materials to and from classrooms. This student will also assist in environmental education at public events in the area when possible. The intern will meet twice per month with the program supervisors to discuss progress on all tasks.

The student selected will receive orientation, training and mentorship necessary to effectively carry out the expectations of this position. The student will report to the main office of UGA

Marine Extension and Georgia Sea Grant, Chicopee Complex, Suite 1031 1180 E Broad St  
Athens, GA 30602.

After completing the internship, the student will have gained experience in curriculum development, alignment to science standards, and working with a team to facilitate effective educational programming in schools and educational facilities throughout Georgia.

### **Location and Hours**

- Chicopee Complex, Suite 1031 | 1180 E Broad St | Athens, GA 30602
- This student will work part-time, roughly 10 hours per week, with flexibility in the schedule

### **Minimum Requirements**

- Must be at least 18 years of age
- Must be currently enrolled at the University of Georgia
- U.S. citizen or possess a valid U.S. work visa
- Must have a valid U.S. driver's license
- Must have access to a computer with access to Zoom or other virtual meeting platform(s)
- Willingness to provide a pre- and post-assessment of performance and an exit interview

### **Preferred Requirements**

- Strong written and oral communication skills
- Ability to work independently and with a team
- Knowledge of curriculum and/or lesson plan development
- Background knowledge of environmental science

### **Supervisors**

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