

2020 Wisconsin Sea Grant Summer Internship Program

Application Instructions

Purpose:

The purpose of the Wisconsin Sea Grant Summer Internship Program is to contribute to a diverse workforce that understands technical and social challenges facing coastal communities and the natural environment. The program helps prepare undergraduate students for graduate school, as well as careers in aquatic sciences and outreach.

Timeline:

- The deadline for applications is February 24, 2020 by 4:00 p.m. Central Standard Time. Applications should be sent by email to Linda Campbell at linda@aquawisc.edu and include a résumé, personal statement, unofficial transcript(s) and letter(s) of recommendation as identified below.
- It is expected that decisions about summer internship placement will be made by mid-March.
- The ten-week program runs from June 1-August 7.

Eligibility:

Any undergraduate college student who will have completed the equivalent of one semester of full-time study by June 1, 2020 and who will be enrolled in any accredited U.S. college or university in the fall of 2020 may apply. Students who will have graduated with an undergraduate degree from an accredited U.S. college or university during the 2019-2020 academic year are eligible.

Application Process:

Complete the following items before the application deadline.

1. A résumé (not to exceed two-pages) describing your work and/or volunteer experience. The résumé must include your name, contact information (including phone and email address), GPA and educational history. The résumé should also detail your work and volunteer history.
2. A personal statement in essay style not to exceed 1,500 words. The statement should have:
 - a) one or two paragraphs about your personal/professional/academic background including your related experience and your major and why you chose it
 - b) one or two paragraphs about how your experience with people from various cultural, ethnic, and socioeconomic backgrounds may pertain to this internship
 - c) one or two paragraphs about your academic and professional goals
 - d) one paragraph on how you think this internship would help you reach these goals
3. Unofficial transcripts showing all college level education.
4. At least one letter (but no more than three letters) of recommendation. Please refer to the selection criteria below as you consider who to seek support from. Past or current supervisors (whether from a work or volunteer position), a college professor or advisor, and

former high school teachers often have a strong enough relationship with you to be able to provide insights that support alignment of applicant interests, goals, and skills with the needs of host agencies and mentors.

Positive Factors for Selection:

Applications will be reviewed by a selection committee made up of Wisconsin Sea Grant mentors and partners. The following factors will be considered for selection:

- Writing and ability to articulate academic and professional goals, including alignment of goals with the Wisconsin Sea Grant Summer Internship Program
- Letter(s) of recommendation
- Ability to articulate benefits derived from this opportunity and how this opportunity will help you reach your goals
- Alignment of applicant interests, goals, and skills with the needs of mentors and partners
- Membership in one or more of the following groups whose underrepresentation in American professional practice has been severe and longstanding:
 - Alaska Natives (Aleut, Eskimo, or other Indigenous People of Alaska)
 - Black/African Americans
 - Latinx/Latin Americans
 - Native American Indians
 - Native Pacific Islanders (Hawaiian/Polynesian/Micronesian)

Award:

The selected students will be awarded a \$5,000 stipend for the ten-week internship. A small number of need-based assistance grants may be available to offset travel and living expenses. These will require a supplemental application once students are selected.

Internship Descriptions:

Project descriptions, intern responsibilities, locations, work settings, and qualifications for the 2020 summer internships are available at: <https://www.seagrant.wisc.edu/our-work/focus-areas/education/summer-internships/>

Contact Information:

For questions about the application process, contact:

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