



Action today so future generations can enjoy ocean activities

SUMMER INTERNSHIPS (TWO) for ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE

INTERNSHIP SUMMARY

Clean Ocean Access positions education and investment in the next generation of environmental leaders as a top priority in our organization. We are looking for two motivated, creatively-fueled & results-driven individuals who care deeply about the local environment and want to be part of an action-packed non-profit organization. The intern selected for this internship will perform field and office work with the staff, board, citizen scientists, and volunteers that falls within the organization's environmental science efforts, which focuses on advancing the core programs and promoting environmental stewardship in the Aquidneck Island community. The work effort will combine environmental science and education with a sociological perspective to progress the COA mission; both efforts are shared through the organization's communication and marketing efforts.

DETAILS

- Hours: 10 to 15 hours per week for May through August
- Opportunity for paid internship or academic credit
- Schedule: Weekdays - Monday, Wednesday, Thursday; Some weekday evening and weekend events
- Location: Office located at 23 Johnny Cake Hill, Middletown, Rhode Island. Field work at various locations around Aquidneck Island

DESCRIPTION

The internship will cover several integrated efforts.

1. *Clean* – Assist with weekly beach cleanups on Wednesday evenings and work with the programming and marketing team to capture results.
2. *Ocean* – Collect coastal water samples one day per week, occasionally assist with transporting samples to laboratory in Providence.
3. *Access* – Monitor several shoreline access points for obstruction, erosion, ecosystem services and recreational use.
4. *Skimmer* – Visit Marina Trash Skimmers twice per week to perform detailed debris analysis, log data, collect digital media and interact with site operator.
5. *Compost* – Assist with collection, analysis and reporting of Healthy Soils, Health Seas waste metrics from residential and restaurant participants.
6. *Analysis* – Enter programming data into respective databases and update master document and charts.
7. *Reporting* – Assist with updating scientific reports focused on marine debris, water quality, shoreline ecosystem, and education & outreach.
8. *Other* – Assist with other Clean Ocean Access activities as time permits such as data processing, field work, events, and photography.

QUALIFICATIONS

- Demonstrated commitment, trustworthiness, responsible, and attention to detail
- Coursework in environmental and natural science preferred
- Excellent communication skills; comfortable working with volunteers, community members, local law enforcement
- Must have reliable vehicle and equipment, and enjoy working inside and outside in all weather conditions
- Capable of lifting up to 50 pounds, bending and twisting and standing for long periods of time
- A criminal background check is required and a valid driver's license
- Comfortable working independently, as a member of a team, and leader of a team effort
- Technologically savvy with Microsoft Office tools and Google platform

HOW TO APPLY

Send email to info@cleanoceanaccess.org with a title of "Summer Environmental Science Internship" with one attached PDF document that is two pages in length, with a document name of "First Name_Last Name_2019 Environmental Science Internship". Page 1 is a cover letter expressing why you are a great fit for the position and how the internship integrates with your other summer responsibilities. Page 2 is a resume that clearly aligns with internship description and qualifications.

ABOUT CLEAN OCEAN ACCESS

Clean Ocean Access (COA) formed in 2006 and is a growing grassroots environmental organization that became a non-profit entity in 2014. COA is based in Middletown, Rhode Island with a footprint exclusively on Aquidneck Island. Our mission is "action today so future generations can enjoy ocean activities". COA has a primary focus on eliminating marine debris from the shoreline and changing human behavior to improve ocean health, improving water quality for year-round clean water from healthy watersheds to marine ecosystems, working to protect, preserve, and expand shoreline access for residents and visitors.