



2019 Wetlands and Shoreline Policy Internship

Application Deadline: April 22, 2019

Wetlands Watch, in collaboration with Virginia Sea Grant (VASG), is seeking a graduate or upper level undergraduate student for the summer (12-weeks, ~June to August) to update and develop Wetlands Watch's "citizen action" website guide, with a special focus on a Virginia guide to wetlands and shoreline regulations. This is a **paid position (\$5,000) located in Norfolk, VA** with additional work in the field in coastal Virginia.

DESCRIPTION

The selected intern will be updating and further developing the [Citizen Action](#) page of a web-site to empower citizen engagement in wetlands conservation and restoration. The intern will conduct desk-based research, interview with decision-makers, develop web formats and presentation of information, and generate creative ideas for outreach (social media, you-tube, etc.). In addition, the intern will be involved in a range of resilience projects that Wetlands Watch is conducting in coastal Virginia.

INTERNSHIP SPONSORS

Wetland Watch is a small, strategic, and growing state-wide non-profit based in Norfolk, Virginia. The program works with both a top-down approach, through state and federal policy advancement, and a bottom-up approach, using grass roots education and engagement to influence local government land use and regulatory decisions. Today, Wetlands Watch works as educators and champions of Virginia's wetlands, addressing today's challenges and those posed by sea level rise in coming decades.

Virginia Sea Grant's mission is to enhance the ecological, economic, and social sustainability of coastal and ocean communities and the ecosystem services they depend upon through university-based research, extension, education, and communication that provide science-based information to decision makers. VASG is a seven-university partnership headquartered at William & Mary's Virginia Institute of Marine Science, and composed of the University of Virginia, Virginia Tech, and George Mason, James Madison, Old Dominion, and Virginia Commonwealth Universities. VASG serves the Commonwealth of Virginia, the region, and the nation.

ELIGIBILITY

Applicants must be enrolled in a relevant graduate or undergraduate program at an academic institution during 2019, i.e., current students returning to school in fall 2019 or recent graduates who finish in spring 2019. Students at Virginia institutions are given preference and strongly encouraged to apply; however, students from any U.S. institution are eligible to apply.

The internship sponsors are committed to building inclusive research, extension, communication and education programs that serve people with diverse backgrounds, circumstances, needs, perspectives, and ways of thinking. Diversity includes, but is not limited to, age, race, ethnicity, nationality, gender identity, sexual orientation, disability and/or health status, religion, veteran status, geographic origin and socio-economic status.

In Collaboration With





Qualifications & Requirements

Applicants for this internship position should have the following interests, skills, and characteristics:

- Relevant degree program for wetlands conservation, restoration and climate change adaptation
- Ability to operate independently and conduct research
- Strong written communication skills
- Graduate student, or upper-level undergraduate.
- Knowledge of science and regulation of wetlands (preferred)

AWARD INFORMATION

Reporting to the Director of Wetlands Watch, the intern will work at Wetlands Watch's Norfolk office and in the field in coastal Virginia. While actual start and end dates are negotiable, we are anticipating a 12-week internship beginning in June and running through August 2019. The internship will provide a stipend of **\$5,000**.

HOW TO APPLY

Adherence to the format requirements is mandatory, and ensures fairness for all candidates. Do not exceed the page limit. VASG recommends submitting all application elements as PDF documents. Only the requested materials should be submitted and will be considered.

Application Requirements

Applications must include the following element:

- I. **Cover Letter:** Explain your interest in the position and highlight your qualifications
- II. **Resume / CV:** Two-page maximum
- III. **Transcripts:** Unofficial copies of undergraduate and graduate transcripts
- IV. **Three References:** List the name and contact information.

Application Submission

Applications must be submitted online via eSeaGrant (<https://vaseagrant.ecsion.com>) by **5:00 pm Eastern on April 22, 2019**. Instructions on how to register and start an application are provided on eSeaGrant. Applications must be submitted by the deadline. Confirmation of the application will be automatically generated and sent by eSeaGrant

TENTATIVE TIMELINE FOR INTERNSHIP

Internship announcement released	April 2019
Applications due to VASG by 5:00 p.m. EST	April 22, 2019
Notification of results	Late April/early May 2019
Internship begins	June, 2019

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Questions about this opportunity and the application process should be directed to VASG Fellowship & Research Program Coordinator, Sam Lake (sjlake@vims.edu)