



**Coastal Policy and Restoration Intern
Chesapeake Research Consortium-NOAA Chesapeake Bay Office**



Project Description

The Chesapeake Research Consortium and the NOAA Chesapeake Bay Office (NCBO) seek a Summer Coastal Policy and Restoration Intern to be located at the Virginia Institute of Marine Science (VIMS) in Gloucester Point, Virginia for the period of late May through mid-August (ten weeks). NCBO has an office on the VIMS campus that focuses on coastal management and policy issues. NOAA's Restoration Center (RC) is co-located with NCBO at VIMS, where their staff oversees habitat restoration projects throughout coastal Virginia. The intern will support NCBO and RC programs by developing communication materials on science related to climate change and its impacts in the Chesapeake Bay, supporting restoration efforts in Virginia, and participating in special events, including NOAA Restoration Day in Virginia and HarborFest in Norfolk

Opportunities

This internship provides an opportunity to learn about and contribute to the restoration of coastal marine habitats in eastern Virginia, while communicating the value of these habitats to the public. The intern will gain a strong background in Chesapeake Bay flora and fauna identification, monitoring techniques (including topographic surveying, vegetation sampling, and fish sampling using seines and block nets), and NOAA products and services. The intern will work alongside and establish connections with a variety of NOAA partners, with potential for diverse networking opportunities and future career development.

Deliverables

- Fact sheets, whitepapers, and website material communicating the status of climate change policy, actions, needs, and impacts across the region
- Contribute to NOAA Restoration Day in Virginia
- Support restoration efforts in Virginia, including species identification and collection; and project monitoring as needed
- Represent NOAA offices and programs at Harborfest event in Norfolk, VA

Requirements

- Writing experience, particularly that of translating science and policy to general audiences
- Willingness to engage in physically demanding work, typically taking place outdoors
- Motivated self-starter with ability to work independently
- Comfortable speaking to the public
- Must be a college-level student entering sophomore, junior, or senior year of undergraduate study

The Intern will work at VIMS in Gloucester Point, VA. Access to computers, copiers, and phone services for the position will be provided. The person must be a US citizen and will be reimbursed at the end of each month, for a total of up to \$3150 for the equivalent of ten weeks of full-time activities (400 hours). No benefits or vacation reimbursements will be provided.

Please submit a short cover letter, resumé, and two references (phone numbers and e-mails) to Dave Jasinski at Dave Jasinski , PO Box 1295, Gloucester Point, VA 23062 or through e-mailing djasinsk@gmail.com by March 5, 2010