



Friends of the St. Clair River Science Communication Internship Position Description

Reports to: Executive Director/President

Employment: Part-time, Temporary

Experience: College enrollment/Recent Grad

Application deadline: Rolling

Location: St. Clair County

Compensation: TBD

Hours: 10-25 hours/week, flexible

Position Description

Friends of the St. Clair River is Michigan's Thumb Coast largest environmental non-profit organization serving St. Clair County since 2007. Our work includes everything from river restoration, environmental monitoring, and invasive species removal to environmental education and trail management. We value the rich natural resources of our watershed and are committed to improving the quality of life for all people, plants and wildlife within its boundaries.

This position provides an experience with a dynamic and diverse, growing environmental organization while ensuring Friends of the St. Clair River's programs, activities and operations have adequate support, visibility and engagement. Benefits include on-the-job and hands-on training in STEM fields.

This position is designed to develop skills appropriate within an environmental field, gain knowledge about watershed health, and to become a champion and communicator for St. Clair County's natural resources.

Specific duties include communication outreach; environmental education; data collection in the field; and data synthesis, management, and reporting. A candidate will engage residents in programs on land and water, and environmental education programming and other instruction/teaching projects as needed. This position participates in natural resource protection and restoration in both urban and rural settings and private and public spaces. This position works alongside, and occasionally leading, volunteer groups of various sizes and ages. Training is ongoing throughout the internship.

Primary Duties

- Assist with environmental quality monitoring tasks both on land and in the water, conduct watershed inventories and site assessments; participate in planting and stewardship days, and other field work as needed
- Work closely with staff to collect, synthesize, manage and communicate scientific data through photographs, blogs, presentations, videos, infographics, and other forms of communication
- Connect with community partners to collect water quality sampling results, review data collection records, perform quality assurance/quality control procedures, and enter data into databases
- Assist with development and implementation of marketing and outreach plans, as well as program-specific plans. Develop content for print, website, social media and newsletters
- Prepare materials and activities and deliver programming, assist with scheduling in coordination with classrooms and events
- Assist with reports, programs, projects as needed

Qualifications

- Current enrollment or recent college graduate; related fields include natural sciences, natural resources, ecological restoration, environmental, volunteer management, communication, sustainability, nonprofit management
- Strong communication skills, self-motivation and an ability to work independently are required
- Excellent written and oral communication skills are needed; proficiency with social networking tools; along with a friendly, outgoing personality. Applicants should be well organized with an attention to detail.

- Previous experience working with volunteers or volunteering is preferred. Experience leading or instructing a broad range of ages is desirable
- Must have basic computer skills including spreadsheets, PowerPoint and data entry
- Must have a valid Michigan driver's license and have reliable transportation
- Must be in good physical condition, able to wear waders and move about for extended periods of time and tolerate a wide range of weather conditions

Apply

Online application: <https://form.jotform.com/201274600885151>

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