



Watershed Engagement Internship

Clean Lakes Alliance seeks an unpaid or for-credit **Watershed Engagement Intern** to join its passionate and dedicated team. Clean Lakes Alliance is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit devoted to improving the water quality of area lakes, streams, and wetlands in the Yahara River Watershed. Working closely with government agencies, waterway user groups, local businesses, farmers and riparian owners, our organization serves as a positive voice in promoting our cherished lakes. We envision a future in which everyone views our lakes as the center of the community. To learn more about our work and values, please visit: cleanlakesalliance.org.

Position Description

The **Watershed Engagement Intern** will report to the Watershed Engagement Specialist and support the day-to-day implementation of watershed engagement programs, including volunteer-participation opportunities, citizen monitoring, and other citizen action initiatives. The timeframe of employment is **February 25th, 2021 to May 7th, 2021** with flexibility based on candidate availability.

Potential Responsibilities and Support Roles

- Support the successful implementation of the *LakeForecast Citizen Monitoring* initiative and engage volunteers through citizen action.
 - Responsibilities include maintaining partnerships and volunteer relationships, training volunteer monitors, distributing equipment, evaluating and summarizing collected data, tracking and reporting outcomes, and generally supporting successful program implementation.
 - Maintain volunteer engagement through regular communications to all volunteers and assistance in answering questions as they arise.
- Assist in preparation and execution of Clean Lakes 101 virtual webinars. This includes communication with attendees, coordinating with speakers, and other program support.
- Attend and coordinate volunteer events depending on state of Covid-19. (Implementation of the Volunteer Day Program in 2021 is currently undetermined)
- Assist with other activities as needed to raise awareness, increase volunteerism, empower individual action, and help advocate for projects and policies that benefit our lakes.

Minimum Qualifications

- Undergraduate degree in limnology, watershed, or stormwater engineering, water resources management, biological conservation, aquatic ecology, communications, or

other applicable discipline or professional work experience that relates to the role and responsibilities of the position.

- Strong knowledge of the biological, chemical, ecological, and physical dynamics of rivers, streams, wetlands, and lakes and their connection to landscapes.
- Strong written and verbal communication skills, with experience presenting to diverse groups of varying sizes.
- Highly organized and adaptable, with an ability to juggle the demands of multiple programs and deadlines.
- A flexible, resourceful, and detail-oriented person who can excel in a fast-paced setting.
- Proficient in the use of Word, Excel, and PowerPoint.

Compensation and Hours

- This is an unpaid internship but can be considered for a paid internship in the summer based upon review.
- 12-20 hours per week from February 25th to May 7th, 2021, depending on candidate availability.
- Clean Lakes Alliance office hours are 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Monday-Thursday and 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Friday. All work is currently done remotely during these hours.

Work Environment

- Currently, most work is performed remotely through various virtual platforms, including Zoom and Google Meets.
- Pending COVID-19 related updates, monitor trainings and volunteer events are held outdoors around the watershed, so access to a vehicle is preferred. Monitor trainings involve lifting and transportation of tools and equipment used by volunteers. Must be able to work outdoors independently rain or shine.

To Apply

Please email a **letter of interest** and **resume** with contact information to Luke Wynn at luke.wynn@cleanlakesalliance.org by **5:00 p.m. CST on Friday, February 12, 2021**. Include "Watershed Engagement Internship" in the subject header.

Clean Lakes Alliance values diverse life experiences and is an Equal Opportunity Employer. We encourage candidates of all races, ethnicities, gender identities, and backgrounds to apply.