



MARINE DEBRIS INTERNSHIP

Summer 2023, Long Branch, NJ

This full-time internship position with Clean Ocean Action (COA) is an exciting opportunity for a student to learn and engage in actions to help address environmental impacts from pollution. This full-time internship brings together interests in environmental education, science, public policy, and citizen action. The Marine Debris intern will provide programmatic support for the Corporate Beach Sweeps (taking place at Sandy Hook) and the Beach Sweeps. The Marine Debris Intern will provide programmatic support for the Corporate Beach Sweeps and assistance with the Beach Sweeps. The intern may also support policy initiatives by focusing on a research question related to an area of interest to be discussed during the interview process.

Specific Responsibilities

Corporate Beach Sweeps:

- Organize the logistics of the CBS: lunch orders (assist admin?), refreshments, supply inventory, and scouting cleanup locations
- Help with setup and breakdown, welcoming volunteers, providing educational overview as needed, running games/activities, engaging with volunteers, and anything else as it may come
- Compile data and photos after each Sweep and share data report/photos with each corporate partner
- Create pre- and post-cleanup surveys to gauge participant's changes in behavior with ecofriendly practices
- Assist with systematizing data for Corporate Beach Sweeps Annual Report
- Research and produce a report on corporate sustainability practices of recent corporate partners. Introduce idea of "report card"

Beach Sweeps:

- Assist with administration of Spring Beach Sweeps data (digital archiving, file management; if time allows, all stored data)
- Organize and take inventory of supplies
- Aid with planning for Fall Beach Sweeps
 - o Supply preparation, outreach to towns, outreach to Beach Captains

Research Project (Potential Topic TBD)

Qualifications

- Pursuing degree in Life Sciences/Physical Sciences or other relevant field
- Comfortable conducting field work, possibly in adverse conditions (e.g., heat, rain)
- Experience with data entry, analysis and management
- Experience conducting research
- Proficient in Excel and other MS products
- Familiarity with GIS and/or StoryMaps a plus
- Strong organizational skills and attention to detail

Time and Location Requirements

The summer internship is full time and located at COA's office in Long Branch, NJ. **It is essential to the success of the program and the overall internship experience that the applicant lives within close proximity to the Long Branch office to sustain daily commuting.** The location and in-office hours are contingent on local, state, and federal COVID-19 restrictions. Applicants must be fully vaccinated. No housing or transportation is provided. Office hours are 9am to 5pm, Monday – Friday. The position requires a reliable car and the ability to pack and deliver supply boxes. Business casual attire is expected and can vary depending on activities. Monthly stipend and travel expenses (excluding commuting) are paid. College credit (arranged by the student with the university/college) is available. Start date is as early in May as possible and end date is as late in August as possible.

Interested applicants should demonstrate enthusiasm and basic knowledge of environmental issues, organizational and communication skills, creativity, and willingness to work hard. Applicants should live within close proximity to the COA office. Applications will be accepted until position is filled.

To apply, send a cover letter including local address, resume, writing sample, and a list of 3 references with affiliations and contact information to: Projects@CleanOceanAction.org with "Marine Debris_ YOUR NAME" as the subject line.

About COA

Clean Ocean Action is a non-profit 501(c)3 organization dedicated to protecting marine water quality in the New York Bight (those waters between Montauk Point, NY, and Cape May, NJ, and extending to the continental shelf). COA spearheads campaigns with broad-based coalitions of boating, business, community, conservation, diving, environmental, fishing, religious, service, student, surfing, and women's groups. COA identifies sources of pollution and takes actions to stop them using research, education, and citizen action. For more information about COA visit www.cleanoceanaction.org.

COA is committed to providing an environment of mutual respect where equal employment opportunities are available to all applicants and staff members without regard to race, color, religion, age, sex, national origin, disability status, genetics, protected veteran status, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, or any other characteristic protected by federal, state or local laws. We hire great people from a wide variety of backgrounds, not just to do the right thing, but because it makes the organization stronger.