



## POLICY INTERNSHIP Summer 2022 Announcement

The **Policy Intern** will assist the Policy Attorney and Executive Director in achieving Clean Ocean Action's mission "to improve the degraded water quality of the marine waters off the New Jersey/New York coast." Specific program areas include: (1) offshore wind, (2) plastics, (3) stormwater, and (4) NESE pipeline.

### Specific Responsibilities

- Review offshore wind project permits/applications and assist with developing policy recommendations regarding "reasonable and responsible" offshore wind for state and federal agencies
- Summarize statutes, regulation, proposals, and reports for Policy Attorney
- Draft fact sheets and talking points for public hearings and events
- Assist in outreach with municipal and state officials for COA priority projects
- Attend tabling events on COA's behalf

### Qualifications

- Law student entering 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> year of law school
- Passion for using the law to defend the ocean
- Knowledge in energy-related issues and/or climate change a plus

### By the end of the internship, the Marine Debris Intern will have...

- ✓ Gained experience to navigate legislative and regulatory processes at the local, state, and federal level
- ✓ Comprehensive knowledge of federal framework for offshore wind and state framework for plastics
- ✓ Clear, accurate, and visually appealing work products (factsheets, memoranda, and policy briefs)
- ✓ Organized and effective law/policy outreach skills (namely, offshore wind and plastics)
- ✓ Engaged with and educated the public about key issues facing marine and coastal environments

### General Program Coordination

- Represent COA in a positive, professional and friendly manner
- Maintain focus and message on pollution prevention
- Stay conversant and current on COA priorities and programs
- Assist with updating relevant COA materials, fact sheets, and write monthly newsletter articles
- Be flexible to help on any project at any time, as needed

### **Time and Location Requirements**

The summer internship is a full-time position (part time of at least 25 hours per week will be considered) and is generally 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.** No housing or transportation is provided. Official office hours are 9am to 5pm, Monday – Friday, and sometimes longer. Attendance at some evening and/or weekend meetings and/or events may be necessary. Office protocols will adhere to all NJ and CDC guidelines, and COA's office status. Applicants must be fully vaccinated.

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, as well as 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](mailto:Projects@CleanOceanAction.org) with "Policy Internship\_ 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 to the continental shelf). COA is a broad-based coalition of over 115 active 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](http://www.cleanoceanaction.org).

COA is committed to providing an environment of mutual respect where equal employment opportunities are available to all applicants and crew 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.