The Community Engaged Internship for Undergraduate Students (CEI) aims to broaden participation in coastal, ocean and marine sciences by providing training and mentorship to early-stage university and community college students from under-resourced, underrepresented and/or Indigenous and tribal populations. Alaska Sea Grant is offering this internship to provide opportunities for undergraduate students from rural communities in Alaska, Alaska Native students, and students from other underrepresented populations.

Internships can vary, based on the diversity of focus areas at Alaska Sea Grant (see alaskaseagrant.org). Interns will assist mentors with field work, analyses, research, and/or outreach and public engagement. Students can be placed at a Sea Grant office location or at a partner organization. For 2022, students will be paid a stipend from the University of Alaska Fairbanks.

The CEI program goals are to recruit, retain and engage diverse students in place-based research, extension, education and/or communication, that respects and integrates local knowledge systems. Hosts are encouraged to work with the students to provide them an opportunity to explore your organization. We intend that this internship will provide the students with an opportunity to learn skills, research methods, communications methods, or other valuable experiences that would empower the student to join the workforce or go on to graduate school following their degree program.

Alaska Sea Grant Community Engaged Interns will be part of a national cohort, and so will the mentors. We ask that each student be paired with a mentor, who will engage with other mentors through the following.

- Mentor training provided in the spring of 2022.
- Networking opportunities with other mentors during the summer of 2022.
• Virtual professional development sessions with students and other mentors.
• Peer discussions with other mentors in the cohort using Slack or other virtual platforms.
• A graduation ceremony with students to celebrate accomplishments, network with peers and other professionals.
• Pre- and post-evaluation activities.

To apply to be a host, please provide a cover letter detailing the information below and email to Davin Holen, the Alaska Sea Grant CEI coordinator at davin.holen@alaska.edu. For more information see the CEI web page at https://alaskaseagrant.org/fellowships.

Cover letter

1. Please describe your organization and how the CEI program fits with your organization’s goals and organization culture.
2. Tell us how you can provide mentoring to a student.
3. Do you have a student you would like to work with? (not required)
4. Where do you currently reside, and where will you reside this summer?
5. Will students already live locally, and if not, is there housing for a student?
6. Cover letter should be 1-2 pages.
7. Please let us know if you can fund the student, partially fund the student, or require funding.

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