Overview for prospective interns

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 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.

The goal of this paid internship program is to provide training and mentorship to the next generation of scientists, decision makers and citizens. 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 will be placed at a Sea Grant office or with a partner organization.

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. We also hope to encourage students to seek careers in marine and coastal professions, and to consider going on to graduate school.

Alaska Sea Grant Community Engaged Interns will be part of a national cohort of students. Each Sea Grant program varies, but the cohort will engage with other students through the following.

- A 10-week summer internship with on-the-ground learning that includes:
  - completion of a project that extends the knowledge of community stakeholders to address a coastal or marine issue of environmental, economic and/or social importance
  - Participation in all CEI professional development and training opportunities
• Mentoring by Sea Grant professionals, Sea Grant–funded researchers, partner organizations, and Sea Grant Knauss Fellows.
• Virtual professional development sessions.
• Peer discussions with other interns in the cohort using Slack or other virtual platforms.
• A graduation ceremony to celebrate accomplishments, network with peers and other professionals.
• Participation in pre- and post-evaluation.

How to apply

To apply for the CEI opportunity, please provide a resume or CV, and cover letter with the below information 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 current degree program and how this internship will help you fulfill your degree requirements, a thesis or project for your degree, and/or career goals. We ask this as opportunities may be tailored to help you meet these requirements and goals.
2. Tell us about yourself and how you fit into the goals of the CEI program.
3. Do you have a mentor or specific organization you would like to work with? (not required)
4. Where do you currently reside, and where will you reside this summer?
5. Cover letter should be 1-2 pages.

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