

Texas Sea Grant - Community Engaged Internship (TXSG-CEI)

OPPORTUNITY: Paid Internships for Undergraduate Students from Underrepresented and Indigenous Communities



Sea Grant's **Community Engaged Internship (CEI)** aims to broaden participation in coastal, ocean and marine sciences by offering paid internships to students from under-resourced, underrepresented and/or indigenous and tribal populations. The CEI is a national program partnering with Sea Grant at colleges and universities in all coastal states.

WHEN: Summer internship is 8 - 10 weeks and generally runs June 1st into August.

STIPEND: Interns will be paid a stipend of \$5,000.

WHAT YOU WILL DO: Mentors will engage interns in field work, analyses, extension, outreach and/or public engagement. CEI interns focus on place-based extension, education and/or communication that respects and integrates local ways of knowing. Details of internships vary by different Sea Grant program.

Interns are expected to participate in all aspects of the Community Engaged Internship program:

- ***On-the-ground learning experience includes:***
 - Completion of a project that extends the knowledge of community stakeholders to address coastal, marine issues of environmental, economic and/or social importance, and
 - Participation in all CEI professional development and training opportunities.
- ***Mentoring*** by Texas Sea Grant Extension professionals and Knauss Fellows.
- Virtual ***professional development*** sessions.
- Peer discussions with other interns in the intern **cohort** using Slack or other virtual platforms.
- ***Graduation Ceremony*** to celebrate accomplishments, network with peers and other professionals.
- Participation in pre/post ***evaluation***.

ELIGIBILITY: Interns must be enrolled in an undergraduate degree at a 2- or 4-year college or university in Texas. CEI encourages applicants from groups that are historically underrepresented in the sciences, including African-American, American Indian or Alaska Native, Hispanic and Latino, female, first-generation college students, veterans, LGBTQ+, and students with disabilities.

The program is also open to students who have experienced and worked to overcome educational or economic disadvantages, and/or who have personal or family circumstances that may complicate their career paths. Applicants are encouraged to connect with their State Sea Grant program to learn about any additional eligibility requirements. Texas Sea Grant welcomes all fields of study.

HOW TO APPLY: Submit **ONE compiled application PDF** by email to Mia Zwolinski, Texas Sea Grant Research Coordinator, at mzwolinski@tamu.edu.

DEADLINE: Applications due: **March 20, 2023 5:00PM**.

Decisions released: late April, 2023. Start date of internship: June 1, 2023

Application Content: ONE compiled PDF consisting of the following 3 elements compiled in the following order:

- 1. CV - (2-page limit)** detailed education and work experience;
- 2. Goal Statement - (1-page-limit)** emphasize your interest, self-identify your fit with the internship, if applicable, as being underrepresented or underserved, and how opportunity will further your career goals; and
- 3. One Letter of Recommendation - (1-page-limit)** from a previous employer, current academic mentor, or a professor/instructor. Letter must be on referee's **letterhead stationery, dated and signed**.

MORE INFO: CEI <https://seagrant.noaa.gov/Community-Engaged-Internship>

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For more information about the TXSG - CEI Program, please contact Mia Zwolinski, Texas Sea Grant Coordinator, at mzwolinski@tamu.edu.

This year's Texas Sea Grant CEI internship locations:

1-2 interns will work in the Galveston county and surrounding area, focusing on exploring how Texas Sea Grant connects the coastal sciences to communities; and

1 intern will work in the Corpus Christi area, focusing on the [Je'Sani Smith Foundation](#) work on beach safety and rip current awareness.