

# 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 internships are 8-10 weeks long and generally run from June into August.

**STIPEND:** Stipend will vary from state to state. Interns are typically paid \$5000-\$6000 over the 8-10 week period. Some programs may also provide additional travel support to attend the graduation ceremony in Washington, D.C. (August). Programs may offer additional financial support for cost of living, travel, or housing.

**WHAT YOU WILL DO:** Mentors are expected to engage interns in field work, analyses, research and/or outreach and public engagement. CEI interns focus on place-based research, extension, education and/or communication that respects and integrates local ways of knowing.

Details of specific internships vary by different Sea Grant programs. Interns are expected to participate in all aspects of the CEI program:

- ***On-the-ground learning experience*** includes:
  - Completion of a project that extends the knowledge of community stakeholders to address a coastal, marine or Great Lakes issue of environmental, economic and/or social importance, and
  - Participation in all CEI professional development and training opportunities.
- ***Mentoring*** by Sea Grant professionals, Sea Grant funded researchers and Knauss Fellows.
- Virtual ***professional development*** sessions.
- Peer discussions with other interns in the ***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 associated with a state Sea Grant program. 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 strongly encouraged to connect with their State Sea Grant program to learn about any additional eligibility requirements.

**HOW TO APPLY:** Contact your state [Sea Grant program](#) to see what internships are currently offered. Intern applications are typically due in the winter months January-March but vary based on the program.

**DEADLINE:** Deadlines will vary between different state Sea Grant programs. Please be in touch with your local Sea Grant program to learn more about their CEI internship application process.

**MORE INFO:** CEI <https://seagrant.noaa.gov/Community-Engaged-Internship>  
Sea Grant <https://seagrant.noaa.gov/>  
Email questions to [seagrant.cei@gmail.com](mailto:seagrant.cei@gmail.com)