



Internship Opportunity with LAKE STEWARDS OF MAINE Summer 2024

POSITION:	Lake Programs Field Intern
LOCATION:	Auburn, Maine, USA. In-person: intern is expected to intern at the host organization office location.
DESCRIPTION OF HOST ORGANIZATION:	Lake Stewards of Maine is a nonprofit organization which promotes lake stewardship through widespread citizen participation in the gathering and dissemination of credible scientific information pertaining to lake health. Each Year, LSM engages over 1000 volunteers to monitor and collect data on over 500 lakes across the State. For nearly 30 years, LSM has worked closely with the Maine Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) to ensure the standardization and validity of volunteer data.
INTERN'S DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:	<p>The Lake Programs Field Intern will assist the operations of both the Water Quality (WQ) and Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) teams. Tasks include but are not limited to: training of volunteers, preparation of volunteer documentation, operation of watercraft, assisting in the operation and maintenance of water quality monitoring equipment (including water quality meters, Secchi discs, and water core tubes), assisting with native and invasive aquatic plant identification, photo-documenting volunteer trainings, preparing data visualizations and guidance documents for outreach activities. The intern will be based at LSM's main office in Auburn, ME, and travel with LSM to staff all over Maine to assist with WQ and AIS Programs.</p> <p>This is a full-time position which requires in-person work, and necessary travel with some weekend and overnight availability.</p> <p>Interested Candidates Should Possess:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - An interest in lakes and lake science - An interest in nonprofit organizations - Comfort in being on the water in small craft - Interest in working with community (citizen) science volunteers across a wide spectrum of age groups and backgrounds - Knowledge of and interest in environmental sciences, biology, or chemistry - Experience working with scientific data - A passion for educating others - The ability to interpret complex systems/scientific information to non-technical audiences - Strong interpersonal skills, including communication skills, and working with others - A valid driver's license and reliable transportation - Comfortable working outdoors in all weather conditions <p>From this experience interns can expect gain:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Improved understanding of lakes and lake science - Learning the role of nonprofit organizations in advancing social and environmental benefit - Knowledge of the inner-workings of a state-wide nonprofit organization - Public speaking, teaching, and written and verbal communication skills - Experience in on-water activities, including kayaking, motorboating, plant identification, and water quality monitoring - Meet a wide range of environmental stakeholders across Maine, including individuals from partnering NGOs, State government offices, and volunteer scientists - Understanding of the importance of water quality on local ecosystems and economies - Understanding of the threat of aquatic invasive species to Maine's lakes <p><i>Interns' duties and projects may not be as listed. These will depend on the needs of the host organization.</i></p>

HOST ORGANIZATION REQUIREMENTS:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Experience with computer systems required, including web-based applications and some Microsoft Office applications which may include Outlook, Word, Excel, PowerPoint or Access • Experience in marketing, communications, event management and/or donor/customer relations • Intern will need to have a car • Ability to think and act strategically and tactically • Solid organizational skills, including prioritization and time management • Strong interpersonal, written and oral communication skills • Ability to perform online research • Problem solving skills • Ability to work and communicate well with others; able to work independently, as well as part of a team • Passionate about lake/water conservation and preservation • Critical attention to detail and accuracy is absolutely essential!
HOURS:	30 hours per week
DATES:	10 weeks starting June 17, 2024. (Dates to be finalized with host organization)
RENUMERATION:	\$5,600 issued to the intern through a Faculty of Arts Internship Award.
HOW TO APPLY:	Students must complete the online Arts Internship Application Form available on the AIO website: https://www.mcgill.ca/arts-internships/internships/postings
APPLICATION DEADLINE:	February 11, 2024
ELIGIBILITY:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Full time McGill Faculty of Arts students (B.A., B.A & Sc., BSW, B.Th., M.A., MSW, MIS) - Minimum CGPA of 2.7* - Returning to McGill in the same program in the fall semester following the internship - Fulfill Faculty of Arts requirements as outlined in the Interns Handbook https://www.mcgill.ca/arts-internships/resources - Provide proof of medical insurance for duration of internship
CITIZENSHIP REQUIREMENTS:	US Citizen
COSTS:	The intern is responsible for all costs associated with the internship including transportation, accommodations, etc.
TRAVEL REQUIREMENTS:	Pre-Departure Orientation is mandatory for students applying to internships that require travel outside of Canada. You will be required to download the certificate of completion in your application.
TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS:	Preparing travel arrangements to and from the internship host organization is the responsibility of the intern.
ACCOMMODATIONS:	Finding suitable lodging during the internship is the responsibility of the intern.
ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:	<p>Interns are responsible for informing themselves of what entry requirements are required to visit and work as an intern in the internship host country. These may include a visa, work permit, passport valid for at least 6 months after entry, and proof of certain vaccinations.</p> <p><u>The intern is responsible for acquiring all necessary documents in time for the beginning of their internship.</u></p>

Please Note:

**If you feel you have experienced barriers which have had an impact on your academic performance and wish to highlight these to the selection committee, the documents/comments will be taken into consideration.*

We will get back to you shortly after the deadline if you are selected for an interview. The Arts Internship Office will then transmit the selected applications to the host organization, which will ultimately be responsible for the selection of the candidate(s).