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Sturgeon Intern

Founded in 2016, St. Marys Riverkeeper is a 501(c)3 nonprofit with the mission to protect the St. Marys River now and for our future. As a border river, St. Marys Riverkeeper works in both Georgia and Florida, serving the four counties of the watershed.

Internship

10-15 hours a week (flexible)

Reports to: Executive Director

The Sturgeon Intern will play an integral role in fulfilling St. Marys Riverkeeper's mission and support wildlife conservation in the St. Marys River watershed. This role is self-motivated and provides individuals with real-world experiences in research field work and public policy to develop core skills in policy analysis, management, and leadership. The term is for Fall 2024 (September – December) with the possibility for extension.

RESPONSIBILITIES

- Assist Executive Director with bi-monthly Sturgeon Study Committee meetings including leading communications with partners, scheduling meetings, drafting agendas, and taking meeting notes.
- Assist Fish and Wildlife Service, University of Georgia, and other partners with sturgeon captures and tagging during designated sampling season, ground truthing missions, survey work, and eDNA collection
- Work with communications team to develop content for newsletters, press releases, website and social media.
- Generate monthly reports regarding sturgeon work and funding needs that can be shared with St. Marys Riverkeeper's Executive Director and Board of Trustees, donors, and the community.
- Combine scientific research with public policy to support St. Marys Riverkeeper's science-based advocacy work.
- Review and summarize lengthy federal documents related to sturgeon work and research.
- Represent St. Marys Riverkeeper professionally and scientifically at fundraisers, tabling events, presentations, workshops, meetings, and during documentary filming.
- Other duties as assigned.

SKILLS, EXPERIENCE, QUALIFICATIONS

- Relevant coursework in ecology/marine biology or related science field
- Previous experience with small watercraft (such as small boats or kayak/canoe) is preferred, but not required.



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- Ability to work a full day in the field is required. This may include walking long distances in muddy, salt marsh habitats, handling large nets and conducting scientific research on small boats, working in varied weather conditions including during the buggy season.
- The applicant must have reliable transportation and valid driver's license.
- Internship may require overnight travel, weekend work, and some moderate to heavy lifting.
- Basic computer skills are required.
- Good written and oral communication skills and the ability to work independently and as part of a team are necessary.

This position is unpaid but is available for community service hours or required academic credit upon approval. 10-15 hours per week are flexible and require a combination of in-the-field and independent work.

To apply, send your resume to Emily Floore, Executive Director, emily@stmarysriverkeeper.org. Please include a short bio of yourself, a letter of support from a professor, what science field or species you are most passionate about, and 2-3 strengths that you will bring to the Team when you are on board.