

Virginia Sea Grant/Eastern Shore Community College Summer Research Internship

Application Deadline: March 14, 2025

Virginia Sea Grant is offering the following paid opportunity for Undergraduate students interested in working on a project with VASG affiliated Graduate Student. Students must be willing and able to work at the specified location. Housing, or a stipend for housing may be available for this project, but is not guaranteed.

Location: Eastern Shore Community College

Duration: 10 weeks

Graduate Student Mentor: Luke Groff

Faculty Advisor: Dr. Alex Foxworthy

Stipend: \$7,000

Description: This position will involve collaboration with a UVA graduate student coastal scientist investigating carbon storage, seagrass restoration, and ecosystem valuation of seagrass meadows of South Bay, VA (a local lagoon behind Wreck Island). The selected student will assist in designing and carrying out a field-based research project over a ten week period. This position will include field work in outdoor environments.

Deliverable: The selected student will be required to produce a poster detailing their research project to be presented at a Virginia Sea Grant meeting or workshop.

Deadline and How to Apply: Interested students should submit a resume (2 page maximum, 12 pt font) and a cover letter (1 page maximum) explaining why the student is interested in the position and what they hope to gain from the experience, to Virginia Sea Grant's Research and Education Coordinator at Imeddy@vaseagrant.org.

Eligibility: Applicants must be enrolled at the Eastern Shore Community College. Ideal applications are motivated students interested in learning about marine science and passionate about supporting their local ecosystem. No prior research experience is necessary to apply. Projects can be designed to meet student accessibility needs.

Evaluation Criteria: Applications will be evaluated by a panel of Virginia Sea Grant staff members and project mentors of the basis on the student candidate's application materials and other programmatic factors.

Expectations: Interns that are funded by Virginia Sea Grant are expected to collect information regarding their experiences and research to share at a VASG event or conference. The selected student will be responsible for a deliverable (see above). Students will take part in professional development activities

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offered by Virginia Sea Grant throughout the course of the internship. The interns will also work with the Virginia Sea Grant communications team to share stories about their work.

Inclusivity Statement: People of color, indigenous people, US Veterans, members of the LGBTQ community, and individuals with disabilities, underrepresented racial and ethnic groups, and/or individuals from economically or educationally disadvantaged backgrounds are encouraged to apply for these opportunities.

These positions are contingent on available funding. There is no guarantee that sufficient funds will be available to fill all project positions. The number of positions filled will depend on the number and quality of eligible applications, the amount of funding available, and other programmatic needs.

Questions about these opportunities can be directed to Lisa Eddy, VASG's Competitive Research and Education Coordinator, at lmeddy@vaseagrant.org

Timeline:

December 10th: Call for applications

March 14th: Application Deadline

Late March: Applicant Interviews

April: Internship selections announced

Late May/Early June: Internship Begins

Late August: Internship Ends

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