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Summer 2019 UNDERGRADUATE EDUCATION AND INTERPRETATION INTERNSHIP

Old Woman Creek National Estuarine Research Reserve (OWC) and the ODNR Office of Coastal Management is offering one undergraduate research internship in education and interpretation during summer 2019, pending position approval. The internship is expected to last approximately 11 weeks, from mid May – August (start and end dates are somewhat flexible). Located in Huron, Ohio, on the south-central shore of Lake Erie, Old Woman Creek is one of the state’s few remaining examples of a natural estuary. OWC is part of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration’s National Estuarine Research Reserve System, a network of 29 coastal reserves whose mission is to address state and regional coastal management needs through research, education, and stewardship.

The Education and Interpretation Intern will work with Jennifer Bucheit, the Education Coordinator, to provide visitor and customer service support and assist staff with implementation of education and some research and stewardship programs. Job duties include answering phones, responding to public inquiries, orienting visitors to the Reserve, and issuing access permits. The intern will also assist with implementing educational and recreational programming, examples include school groups, scout groups, public programs, guided hikes and guided canoe trips. The intern will have the opportunity to develop and pursue an independent project and be a member of a cohort of summer interns involved in education, research, and stewardship.

Desired qualifications include: progress toward a bachelor’s degree in environmental education, biology, environmental science, or a related subject; valid driver’s license.

All applicants must be able to swim; have some experience using self-powered boats or motorboats; be able to lift at least 35 pounds; be tolerant of working in poor conditions (e.g., weather, biting insects, poison ivy). The intern must be currently enrolled in a college or university (i.e., students graduating before September 2019 are ineligible).

Interns will earn $10-11.50/hour (~ $4400-5060 total) through wages. Free onsite housing in shared accommodations may be available.

To apply: Submit electronic copies of the following application materials to Jennifer Bucheit at Jennifer.bucheit@dnr.state.oh.us by February 22: (1) a cover letter of interest, which identifies the internship for which the student is applying and describes interest in, qualifications for, and anticipated benefits from the internship; (2) current CV/resume; and (3) contact information for three references. Interested students can contact Jennifer Bucheit by email or phone (419.433.4601) with any questions.