Paid Internship, Summer 2024

Position: **Community (Citizen) Science Engagement Intern**
Reports to: Visitor Services Staff
Status: Part time/Non-exempt
Rate: $15/hour for undergraduate students, $16/hour for graduates/degree holders
Internship duration: Mid-May to mid-August 2024
Schedule: Minimum of 4 days (30 hours) per week required; must be able to work at least 1 weekend day per week (Saturday or Sunday)

**Position Description**

All visitor engagement interns deliver Seacoast Science Center and Odiorne Point State Park programs to visitors, school children, and groups. Interns will work to help improve program outcomes, develop and deliver programs, facilitate activities, interpret exhibits and support the overall visitor experience. In addition to serving on the Visitor Services Naturalist engagement team and working with the visitor services staff to welcome, engage and educate visitors, the Community Science Engagement Intern will spend approximately one third of their time focused specifically on the development and delivery of high-quality, high-engagement community science programs, as detailed below.

Community Science (CoSci) Interns will help to maximize the quality of the visitor experience through the thoughtful development and delivery of outdoor education programs that engage visitors and students in community (citizen) science data collection. The Center participates in several site-specific community science projects, often facilitating corresponding educational field programs for Center visitors. These hands-on programs introduce the participants to the research project, the species or habitat being studied, and field survey methods used to collect data. Interns will deliver fun and engaging community science programs to excite and inspire participation, orient participants to the relevant field skills, and guide them into the field for data collection. Interns will work with education staff and independently on lesson creation and delivery, data collection, and informal education both indoors and outdoors.

**Physical Requirements**

Must possess the ability to navigate the rocky shore, climb stairs, and occasionally lift moderately heavy objects.

**About Us**

Seacoast Science Center is a beloved anchor of the NH seacoast community – a place to learn and have fun while developing an appreciation for our coastal environment and its inhabitants. At our home in historic Odiorne Point State Park, one of New Hampshire’s ocean-facing treasures, we inspire visitors to discover the wonders of our natural habitats. Families are encouraged to get their feet wet in the tide pools, explore the touch tank full of wondrous creatures from the Gulf of Maine, be awed by the sea life in aquarium exhibits, and develop a deeper appreciation for the preservation and health of our oceans. As the only ocean-centric
science museum in the region, Seacoast Science Center is an integral part of New Hampshire’s cultural economy and educational opportunities, attracting over 90,000 visitors annually, with 30,000 participating in school-related field trips and summer camp programs. A valued public resource, we encourage social interaction, community collaboration, and the pursuit of shared interests.

To Apply
Please send a resume, letter of interest, and response to the three required short essay questions to careers@sscnh.org, subject line: CoSci INTERNSHIP by March 1, 2024. No paper applications will be accepted. Applications must be received by this deadline in order to be considered. No phone calls please.

Seacoast Science Center is committed to creating a diverse work environment and is proud to be an equal opportunity employer. All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, gender, gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, national origin, genetics, disability, age, or veteran status.