Community Science Internship - 2022 Sampling Season

Riverkeeper is looking for an intern to join our water quality team beginning in spring, to work on our volunteer-based tributary monitoring program. The Community Science Intern will gain experience in community science and water quality advocacy at an internationally recognized environmental non-profit. This is an exciting opportunity for an emerging environmental scientist seeking experience in data-based advocacy.

We seek independent and motivated students with a commitment to environmental protection and an ability to handle laboratory analysis, data management, and volunteer coordination. Strong communication skills, attention to detail, and organized work habits are a must.

- **Training:** The intern should expect training and onboarding the first week of the internship followed by ongoing mentorship and supervision from the Community Science Program Coordinator and Senior Community Science Program Manager. The intern will receive training and relevant written materials to become well-versed about Riverkeeper’s Community Science Program.
- **Commitment:** Late April-November 2022, 8-12 hours per week, including the following dates:
  - May 3rd & 4th
  - May 10th & 11th
  - June 7th & 8th
  - June 14th & 15th
  - July 12th & 13th
  - July 19th & 20th
  - August 2nd & 3rd
  - August 9th & 10th
  - September 6th & 7th
  - September 13th & 14th
  - October 4th & 5th
  - October 18th & 19th
- **Location:** Kingston, NY, at Riverkeeper’s office at the Hudson River Maritime Museum
- **Compensation:** $4,000 stipend

**Internship Duties**

- With Community Science Coordinator, prepare laboratory and ensure that volunteers are equipped for sampling events in tributaries throughout the Hudson River Watershed
- Process water samples from the Catskill, Esopus, Rondout and Wallkill watersheds using the IDEXX Enterolert system for bacterial quantification
- Complete data entry for routine monitoring
- Special projects, as time and interest allow

**Qualifications**

- College-level coursework in biology and chemistry
- Extreme attention to detail
- Interest in Riverkeeper’s water quality advocacy work
- Excellent problem solving and communication skills
How to Apply
Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis until the position is filled. Interested applicants should send a cover letter and resume to: Sebastian Pillitteri, Community Science Program Coordinator via email at spillitteri@riverkeeper.org and Jennifer Epstein, Senior Community Science Program Manager via email at jepstein@riverkeeper.org. Please write “2022 Community Science Internship Application” in the subject line.

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