



N.C. Coastal Reserve Undergraduate Internship Award sponsored by the Friends of the Reserve

Purpose: To encourage promising and talented students from traditionally underserved and underrepresented populations to pursue study and careers centered in coastal and estuarine sciences, the N.C. Coastal Reserve and the Friends of the Reserve have created a summer internship award to fund students to work alongside the staff of the N.C. Coastal Reserve. The N.C. Coastal Reserve Undergraduate Internship Award seeks to provide the opportunity for economically disadvantaged students from racial, ethnic, and cultural minorities, students of diverse gender and sexual orientations, persons with disabilities, and first generation college students to gain professional experience working in coastal and estuarine science, management, and education.

For 2022, one intern will be selected to work with the Reserve staff at the Rachel Carson Reserve and will be based out of the headquarters office at the NOAA Lab on Pivers Island in Beaufort. Covid-19 protocols in place at the time of the internship will determine actual working locations which may include remote work and/or modified field work.

Background: The Friends of the Reserve (FOR) is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization that exclusively supports and advocates on behalf of the N.C. Coastal Reserve through advocacy, fundraising and donations of equipment, supplies and funding to support program activities. Learn more about FOR and its work at www.for-nc.org

Eligibility: To be considered for the N.C. Coastal Reserve Undergraduate Internship Award, students must:

1) be currently enrolled in a four year college in North Carolina with good academic standing; 2) be of sophomore, junior, or senior standing; 3) show academic promise as evidenced by academic references; and 4) have demonstrated financial need. Recipients will include but not be limited to students aligned with one or more of the following categories:

- Racial, cultural, or ethnic minorities
- Diverse gender and sexual orientations
- Physical or developmental disabilities or differences
- First generation college attendee
- Non-traditional student

Award:

The N.C. Coastal Reserve Undergraduate Internship Award will consist of a travel/housing stipend of \$1500 and a paid summer internship consisting of 30 hours/week for 10 weeks at \$12.00/hour. Start and end dates to be determined.

Application Process:

Interested students should complete an application, available at www.for-nc.org/intern and included below. The completed application and all accompanying required materials should be submitted to fornorthcarolina@gmail.com.

Friends of the Reserve board members will select applicants who best meet the objectives for the internship program and determine eligibility for the award. Applicants selected by FOR will also be required to complete the [summer intern application](#) and interview process with the Coastal Reserve staff to determine suitability for specific job requirements.

Required application materials include:

- completed application
- academic transcripts (can be unofficial)
- two letters of recommendation, one of which is an academic reference, and
- copy of most recent financial aid award notification.

Application deadline is February 27, 2022 at 11:59 pm.



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APPLICATION

- 1) Full name _____
- 2) Permanent address _____
- 3) Phone _____
- 4) Email address _____
- 5) Current school _____
- 6) Degree program/major _____
- 7) Please indicate which, if any, of the following groups you align with:
 - Racial/cultural/ethnic minority
 - Diverse gender and sexual orientations
 - Physical or developmental disability or differences
 - First generation college student
 - Non-traditional student
 - Other _____
- 8) If there is any additional information you would like to share related to the question above, please share here:
- 9) Year in school: sophomore junior senior
- 10) GPA (There is no minimum GPA but students must be in good academic standing or provide an explanation otherwise)
- 11) Expected graduation date _____
- 12) What sources of financial resources do you currently use to support your college and living expenses?
Please check all that apply.

- Pell Grant
- Subsidized or unsubsidized student loans
- Family support
- Federal work study
- Private loans
- Scholarships from private organizations/foundations
- Current part or full-time work
- Personal savings from previous work
- Other (please describe):

13) Have you or your family faced any financial challenges/difficulties affecting or interfering with your ability to remain enrolled in school. Please describe in as much detail as you are comfortable. For instance: Leaving school or reducing enrolled hours in order to work, a parent recently lost a job or lost pay due to illness, or something similar?

14) Please describe in a few sentences how the internship would help advance your academic or career goals.

15) Please tell us something important about yourself that might not be obvious from this application. Use additional space or pages as needed.