

2023 Wisconsin Sea Grant Summer Outreach Opportunities Program Application Instructions

The Wisconsin Sea Grant Summer Outreach Opportunities Program is a paid 10-week experience that places undergraduate college students with outreach specialists on issues affecting coastal and water resources in Wisconsin. It provides students with an environmental outreach and/or community engagement experience under the mentorship of a career professional. Students will assist mentors with activities that could include background research, field work, analyses, program planning/development/delivery/evaluation and public engagement. The goal of the program is to contribute to a diverse workforce that understands technical and social challenges facing coastal communities and the natural environment. The program helps prepare undergraduate students for graduate school, as well as careers in aquatic sciences, environmental resource management and community engagement.

Timeline:

- The deadline for applications is Wednesday, February 15, 2023 by 5:00 p.m. Central Standard Time.
- Decisions about student placement on summer projects will be made in March 2023.
- The ten-week program runs from June 5 to August 11, 2023.

Eligibility:

Any undergraduate college student who will have completed the equivalent of one semester of full-time study by June 4, 2023 and who will be enrolled in any accredited U.S. college or university in the fall of 2023 may apply.

Application Process:

Provide the following information by email to Moira Harrington at moira@aqua.wisc.edu:

1. A one- to two-page résumé describing the applicant's work and/or volunteer experience. The résumé must include name, contact information (including phone and email address) and educational history.
2. A personal statement in essay style not to exceed 1,000 words. The statement should include:
 - a) One paragraph about your personal and academic background, including related work experience, your major and why that major was chosen;
 - b) One paragraph about your academic and career goals; and,
 - c) One paragraph about which listed outreach project interests you the most and how you will contribute to the goals of this project. Please identify any other listed projects for which you would like to be considered.
3. Transcripts showing all college-level education.
4. A letter of recommendation. This could be from a supervisor from a work or volunteer setting and/or from a college professor or advisor and which focuses on academic achievement.

Projects Descriptions:

Project descriptions, student responsibilities, locations, work settings and qualifications for the 2023 summer program are available at: <https://www.seagrant.wisc.edu/our-work/focus-areas/education/summer-outreach/>