

Summer 2022 Internship Positions with The Clean Water Action Council of Northeast Wisconsin

The Clean Water Action Council of Northeast Wisconsin is offering Summer Semester internship positions to begin at the start of the semester, or earlier.

Applicants should submit a resume with a letter of interest addressed to Dean Hoegger, Executive Director, The Clean Water Action Council of Northeast Wisconsin, P.O. Box 9144, Green Bay, WI 54308, or by email at contact@cleanwateractioncouncil.org. For pre-application questions, or to arrange an in person or virtual office visit, contact Dean at 920-495-5127. Applications received by March 15 will be given priority.

A \$500-\$750 scholarship for 140 hours of activities during the semester is available, and the position has met university requirements for a three-credit internship. **As an alternative to the scholarship, UWGB students could contact Allen Voelker, student employment coordinator, for work study eligibility at** voelkera@uwgb.edu or 920-465-2556. NWTC students should contact the Financial Aid Dept. at finaid@nwtc.edu or 920-498-5444 for information about work study.

Depending on the student's interests and abilities, the intern will assist the executive director with projects including encouraging sustainable environmental policy, conducting environmental and legal research, planning events, maintaining web and social media presence, community organizing, writing for the newsletter, communicating issues through film making and other media, etc. The intern will have the opportunity to attend conferences, workshops, trainings, court proceedings, and meetings with other environmental groups and environmental attorneys as scheduled during the semester. Some of these opportunities will be virtual events during the ongoing pandemic.

An environmental studies or paralegal major is suggested. However, students in other majors including business, economics, and communication arts have previously benefited from the experience. The applicant should possess an interest in environmental issues and a desire to learn how small non-profit environmental organizations operate. Skills necessary for the position include general computer skills, strong reading and communication skills, and the ability to follow directions and work independently on projects. Good organizational skills with a strong work ethic will be needed for a successful internship. Additional opportunities can be tailored for individual interns.

CWAC was created in 1985 to fight toxic pollution in the Fox River and Green Bay. After many years of CWAC's sustained effort, including several lawsuits, lobbying, testifying at many public hearings, and educational programs, the Fox River PCB cleanup is now complete. Over the years, CWAC has been a leading citizens' advocacy group for environmental protection here in northeast Wisconsin. By being a party to numerous lawsuits and by bringing issues to the media, CWAC has been the voice of those often not heard, yet most affected by the environmental quality of the region. Interns have played a key role in these efforts.

Some of CWAC's current work includes education and actions to protect water resources from concentrated animal feeding operations including aerial spraying of agricultural waste, protecting residents from emissions from air pollution, impacts of gasification incineration, the threat of coal tar pavement sealants, monitoring and challenging air and water discharge pollution permits, identifying permit violations, legal actions challenging Wisconsin's administration of the Safe Drinking Water Act and the Clean Water Act, and promoting legislation to better protect human health and the environment.

Most activities will be completed at the Mary Ann Cofrin Hall office at A307, UWGB or through online meetings and working remotely as needed.