



Aquatic Invasive Species Internship

Internship Summary:

The River Alliance of Wisconsin is seeking **one** Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Intern for the 2018 Field Season. The AIS Intern will be based out of La Crosse, Wisconsin and will serve La Crosse, Trempealeau and Buffalo counties, with an increased focus on the Mississippi River and its major tributaries. The AIS Intern will report to River Alliance's La Crosse Area AIS Coordinator, who will oversee duties of the AIS Intern. All necessary training for the position will be provided.

Duties and Responsibilities:

- Conduct Clean Boats Clean Waters watercraft inspections at high-traffic boat landings on the Mississippi River and its major tributaries in La Crosse, Trempealeau and Buffalo counties.
- Enter all watercraft inspection data into the Surface Water Integrated Monitoring System (SWIMS) database on the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources website.
- Participate in statewide AIS prevention activities including the Landing Blitz, Drain Campaign, Bait Dealer Initiative, Waterfowl Campaign, Project Riverine Early Detectors (RED) and AIS Snapshot Day.
- Assist the La Crosse Area AIS Coordinator at major fishing tournaments on the Upper Mississippi River, like Bassmaster and Fishing League Worldwide, to increase AIS outreach to tournament anglers.
- Assist the La Crosse Area AIS Coordinator at workshops, trainings, events, AIS monitoring and control efforts, and other duties as assigned.

Required Qualifications:

- Must be willing to work early mornings, evenings, weekends, and holidays, including Memorial Day, Independence Day and Labor Day, to match peak use of public boat landings.
- Must provide your own vehicle. Travel outside La Crosse County will be reimbursed. Must have a valid driver's license, proof of insurance and a good driving record.
- Basic knowledge of natural resources, preferably with regards to aquatic invasive species identification, prevention, containment and control.
- Strong interpersonal skills and the ability to interact with the public.
- Able to self-start and to work independently without close supervision.

Internship Duration:

The AIS Internship position is funded for approximately 325 hours. The approximate start date is May 16, 2018 (the start date *is* flexible) and the approximate end date is September 3, 2018.

Compensation:

\$11.00 per hour

How to apply:

Please send a letter of interest and resume to: **Scott Caven, 2630 Fanta Reed Road, La Crosse, WI. 54603.**

Applications may also be submitted via email to: scaven@wisconsinrivers.org.

Application Deadline:

March 23, 2018

For more information, please contact:

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