



Aquatic Invasive Species Outreach Internship

Internship summary:

River Alliance of Wisconsin is seeking an Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Intern for the 2022 summer (May – September) field season. The AIS Intern will be based out of La Crosse, Wisconsin, and will serve La Crosse, Trempealeau, and Buffalo Counties (with focus on the Mississippi River and its major tributaries). The AIS Intern will report to River Alliance's AIS Program Director, who will oversee the 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 from May-early September.
- 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 efforts, i.e., Landing Blitz, Drain Campaign, Bait Dealer Initiative, Waterfowl Campaign (depending on availability), Project Riverine Early Detectors (RED), and AIS Snapshot Day.
- Assist the AIS Program Director at major fishing tournaments on the Mississippi River, e.g., Bassmaster and Fishing League Worldwide, to increase AIS awareness among tournament anglers.
- Assist the AIS Program Director at workshops, trainings, events, and AIS monitoring and control efforts and complete other duties as assigned.

Required qualifications:

- Passion for conservation and the outdoors
- Comfortable engaging outdoor recreationalists in public spaces
- High degree of reliability while conducting projects independently
- Personal hands-on knowledge and experience with Wisconsin fishing and boating culture. Active hunter/fisherman a plus
- Must be willing to work mornings, evenings, weekends, and holidays, including Memorial Day, Independence Day, and Labor Day, to match the 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
- Must have basic knowledge of natural resources, preferably regarding AIS identification, prevention, containment, and control

Compensation, Hours, and Terms of Employment:

The AIS Internship is funded for approximately 400 hours at \$15.00 per hour. The approximate start date is May 23, 2022 (flexible), and the approximate end date is September 6, 2022. There are opportunities for this position to extend into the fall depending on intern availability. Applicants must have a flexible work schedule. The work week will be approximately 16-20 hours. COVID-19 safety precautions will be in place, and adherence is required.

How to apply:

Please send 1) a letter of interest highlighting qualifications and 2) a resume to Ellen Voss at evoss@wisconsinrivers.org.

Application deadline:

March 28, 2022

For more information:

Contact Ellen Voss, AIS Program Director, River Alliance of Wisconsin, at evoss@wisconsinrivers.org

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