



MERI Announces Field/Lab Research Internship Position Available April 2004

The Marine Environmental Research Institute (MERI), a nonprofit organization based in Blue Hill, Maine, is recruiting to fill a Field/Lab Research Internship position for the field season 2004. This is a full-time position requiring a commitment from mid-April through October.

MERI is a scientific research and education organization dedicated to understanding the impacts of environmental pollutants on marine wildlife and human health, and to interpreting this information to a broad public. Current projects include a watershed initiative, including a water quality monitoring study on the mid-Maine coast, and a long-term ecotoxicological investigation of contaminant levels and biomarkers of effect in Gulf of Maine seals.

This is an excellent opportunity for an individual working toward a career in marine ecology, environmental and natural sciences, or chemistry to gain practical experience in the field and in the lab. The ideal candidate will possess a personal interest in the marine environment and a commitment to the mission of the organization.

Primary Job Responsibility

This position will involve assisting the Research Department with the implementation of a water quality monitoring project in the Blue Hill Watershed. Primary responsibilities will include water sample collection, water chemistry analysis in the field and in the lab, data entry and background literature research. Additional duties may include assisting with marine mammal fieldwork and research dissemination/outreach activities.

Job Description:

- Assist with hands-on aspects of fieldwork including sample collection, sample processing, and chain of custody
- Assist with sample preparation and analysis in the lab
- Assist with data entry and updating of laboratory records and logs
- Assist with data analysis and compilation
- Conduct literature searches, review articles, gather and organize existing and historical data on the watershed
- Assist with preparation of result summaries, reports, fact sheets and presentations using Power Point
- Attend community watershed meetings, represent the organization in the community, distribute informational materials and perform other community outreach duties as assigned
- Articulate and promote the MERI mission to the public
- Perform other duties relating to the organization's goals and mission as required



Reports to: Research Director

Qualifications

Applicants should possess a BA or BS degree in marine ecology, environmental sciences, marine sciences, chemistry or a related major (Juniors and Seniors may also apply), and have field and laboratory experience as well as basic statistical and writing skills. Applicants must be able to adapt to a changing work environment, and at times, be available to work nights, weekends, and holidays.

Knowledge of computer software including Microsoft Word, PowerPoint, Excel, SPSS (or equivalent) and Adobe Photoshop required; photography, ArcGIS, and graphics (Quark) experience desirable. Must possess a valid drivers license and a good driving record.

Time Requirements: April 12th - October 29th. Full-time (40 hours/week); additional hours to be agreed upon by employee and Director.

Compensation: Stipend and housing in Blue Hill available.

Application Deadline: March 22, 2004

To Apply:

If you are interested in applying for this position, please submit by e-mail or mail a CV with your updated résumé and 3 references to:

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