Temporary/Seasonal Internship Opportunity

TITLE: Coastal Ecology Field Technician/Intern
CLASSIFICATION: Temporary/Seasonal Position
AGENCY: Environmental Institute of Houston (EIH)
WEBSITE: www.eih.uhcl.edu

JOB DESCRIPTION:
The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is conducting the National Coastal Condition Assessment in the summer of 2020 to assess the condition of the nation’s marine and estuarine waters. The Environmental Institute of Houston (EIH) at the University of Houston-Clear Lake (UHCL) has been contracted to sample sites across Texas and Louisiana for this assessment. We are currently recruiting 4-6 positions to assist with field sampling with dates ranging from April-October, 2020; starting and ending dates can be flexible depending on availability. All work will be based out of Houston, TX, but extensive travel is required to conduct field work along the northwestern Gulf Coast. This is an excellent opportunity to gain valuable field experience collecting water, sediment, macroinvertebrates, and fish tissue samples using EPA methods.

LOCATION: Based in Houston, TX; includes travel throughout coastal Texas and Louisiana

SALARY: Starting at $1,400/month (full-time, non-benefits eligible); room & board included during travel

QUALIFICATIONS:
Applicants should be pursuing or possess a Bachelor’s degree in natural resource management, fisheries ecology, biology, environmental science or a closely related field. Applicants must be willing to travel; **the selected intern(s) will need to have a location to stay nearby UHCL.**

Required
- Travel up to 14 days at a time and work long hours (10+) in the field during high-heat, summer months
- Be in good physical condition and able to lift 50 lbs
- Comfortable working from a boat for extended periods of time in potentially rough sea conditions
- Must possess a positive attitude and be willing to work independently as well as a member of a team

Preferred
- Previous scientific data collection and experience in marine science, marine biology, ecology, fisheries biology, or a closely related topic
- Experience in sediment and water collection; experience driving/trailerling small vessels (< 25 ft.)
- Fish sampling techniques including hook-and-line, gillnetting, otter trawl, etc. and experience with estuarine fish identification (especially in the northwestern Gulf of Mexico)
- EPA Region 6 directed training will be held in April, 2019 (dates TBD). **It is strongly preferred for the chosen candidate(s) to be available to attend the training.** Travel costs will be covered by EIH.

*Additional Notes:* All applicants must possess a valid driver’s license and be physically able to drive university vehicles. Applicants must pass a criminal background and motor vehicle background check prior to hiring. This is not a benefits eligible position.

Applicants should submit a cover letter, resume, & contact information for 3 references to Mandi Gordon.

START DATE: April-June 2020, depending on availability
END DATE: September-October 2020, depending on start date; 4.5 month appointment period
APPLICATION DEADLINE: Wednesday February 12th, 2020
CONTACT: Mandi Gordon, (281) 283-3794, gordon@uhcl.edu *e-mail preferred*