

SUMMER COLLEGE INTERNSHIPS - 3 paid positions available

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Discover Cayuga Lake Boat Tours & Floating Classroom is based in Ithaca, NY. Our mission is to engage students, community members, and visitors in learning about the ecology and history of Cayuga Lake and its watershed and to inspire people to maintain these healthy environments for future generations. We also aim to provide equitable access to Cayuga Lake and to foster appreciation of the importance of the Finger Lakes watersheds for local ecosystems, human use, and natural beauty. From May to October, we offer cruise programs aboard a 63-foot boat on Cayuga Lake to students, local residents and tourists. During the colder months, we offer a Trout in the Classroom Program, guiding students through the process of raising trout fry through the winter, and releasing them to local streams during the spring.

These internships will support mission-based programming, including stream ecology education, floating classroom cruises, youth mentorship and eco-tourism initiatives. Interns will work with the ships' captains and crew, and instructors. Effective working relationships and teamwork are extremely important in this environment. Internship elements include:

- During May and June, be trained to support educational staff during elementary school field trips to local stream sites, developing proficiency in interpretive presentations, and stream monitoring activities.
- During July and August, continue to support educational staff on board our 70 passenger boat as a part of our Floating Classroom Program, working with students to learn about lake monitoring activities.
- Interns will take the lead in one area of primary responsibility outlined below corresponding to approximately 50% of their work hours.
- Interns may develop skills in basic boating, managing lines, docking and safety procedures.
- Interns may have a chance to develop a personal interest project, as time permits.

Internship Options Include:

1. Youth Education Intern: Assist with the operations of our summer High School Internship Program including scheduling, creating personal development plans, and mentoring 4-6 interns.
2. Community Science Intern: Assist with lake data collection, management and reporting, and work with DCL staff to ensure that data quality protocols are maintained.
3. Eco-Tourism Intern: Help the organization develop its community access, ecotourism program and sustainability initiatives, including marketing and outreach.

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General Information & Requirements:

Experience: Specific experience is not required, although candidates should share experience relevant to this position. Familiarity with boats and boat safety are helpful, but training will be provided. Please tell us if you have First Aid or Life Guard certifications.

Physical Requirements: Must be prepared to work outdoors, at streams and on a boat, in a range of weather conditions. Minimum age 18.

Boat Safety & Condition: Interns will be expected to share responsibility for the condition and cleanliness of the boat and equipment. Training will be provided prior to the initiation of duties.

Logistics: May-August, flexible to accommodate school schedules. Average of 20 hours/week (about 3-5 program shifts and some independent work). Some weekend availability required. Vacations OK with advance notice. Must be able to provide personal transportation.

Compensation: Three paid positions will be offered, pending funding, at a rate of \$11.80/hour (anticipated Tompkins County minimum wage.)

Application Process: Email a cover letter including your top choice of internship, a resume, two references, and any additional materials you feel may be relevant, to discovercayuga@gmail.com. Please be aware that we receive more applications than we can place. Deadline for applications is February 15th, 2020. We will contact you to set up an interview.

Contact: Questions may be directed to discovercayuga@gmail.com or (607) 327-5253

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