

## Waukesha County, WI

### Position Title: Aquatic Invasive Species Project Interns

**Position Description:** Waukesha County is seeking several full-time summer interns to assist with Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) education, prevention, and outreach From May – September of 2018. Duties primarily include conducting watercraft inspections at boat landings on county lakes through the Clean Boats Clean Waters (CBCW) program. Two interns will also assist the County AIS Coordinator with training, outreach, lake surveys, and AIS removal efforts, which will include time spent on various types of watercraft or in the water. There will be an emphasis on increasing AIS awareness and education to boaters, anglers, classrooms, and the general public for all positions. Training will be provided by the County AIS Coordinator, however daily work direction may be provided by a cooperating lake group.

#### **Responsibilities:**

- Increase awareness of AIS including regulations, laws and prevention steps with boaters, anglers and the general public at boat landings within Waukesha County.
- Complete Clean Boats Clean Waters training, conduct watercraft inspections of boats and trailers, collect and record data, and report data in an online database.
- Assist with the coordination of volunteer workdays and presentations.
- Assist with aquatic surveys by snorkeling, diving, or using boat-based vertical raking methods.
- Watch for, collect, record, and voucher new species.
- Coordinate weekly schedule with AIS County Coordinator.

#### **Required Qualification:**

- High school graduate.
- Ability to work outdoors in variable weather conditions and settings.
- Organized, self-motivated, ability to multi-task, and work independently.
- Enthusiastic, friendly, and excellent verbal communication skills.
- Must possess a valid State of Wisconsin Driver's License and have access to reliable transportation and a cell phone.
- Must complete WDNR Boater Safety Certificate by time of hire.

#### **Preferred Qualifications:**

- Some knowledge of aquatic ecology, the impacts that aquatic invasive species can have on lakes, streams and wetlands, and ways to reduce the spread of AIS.
- Education or work history in biology, ecology, or natural resources.
- Ability to maneuver as well as load and unload kayak/canoe/motorboats.
- Experience using GPS and mapping software.
- Experience with Constant Contact, Facebook, Twitter or other web-based outreach platforms.
- Snorkeling or diving experience and PADI SCUBA Certification.

#### **Hours/Pay:**

Must have flexible schedule with ability to work early mornings, evenings, most weekends, boating events, and holidays including Memorial Day, July 4<sup>th</sup>, and Labor Day, to match peak use of the public boat landings. **Applicants will be expected to work most weekends, including holiday weekends.** Position is based upon a 40 hours per week schedule throughout the summer and a starting salary of \$10.70 per hour. Apply with the required online application form. Applications will be accepted until the positions are filled.

**Apply:** Apply through the online at: <https://www.waukeshacounty.gov/jobs>