

Tinker's Creek Watershed Partners Fall 2017 Internship

Agency: Tinker's Creek Watershed Partners (TCWP) is a nonprofit environmental organization. TCWP is an equal opportunity employer and provider.

Position Location: TCWP is located in Twinsburg, OH.

Job Description: TCWP is seeking an intern to assist the staff with implementation of the Tinker's Creek Watershed Partners' programs and projects. On a daily basis, the TCWP intern will assist the Assistant Watershed Coordinator in providing services to our member communities, organizing and implementing educational events, field activities as needed, and assistance with project and programming development and implementation. For Fall 2017, these are projected to include assistance in grant writing for project implementation, participation in planning and execution of the 2017 Watershed Festival, fulfilling service agreements to Member Communities, implementation of Pollution Prevention and Good Housekeeping programs to meet NPDES permit requirements, and additional stormwater practices and outreach as needed. This is a part-time internship with an estimated workload of 12 hours per week, 180 hours total over the course of the semester.

Summary:

- Reports to the Tinker's Creek Watershed Partners Assistant Watershed Coordinator
- *Hours:* Part time; hours are flexible but typically between normal business hours. Normal business hours are 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; however, sporadic weekend and evening work may be required.
- *Pay Range:* This internship is developed in accordance with Kent State University's requirements for an internship in the Biological Sciences. It is expected that the candidate will utilize the internship to earn up to four credits in BSCI 40192. In addition, TCWP is able to offer a pay range between \$9-10/hour.
- *Start Date:* The successful candidate should be available to start no later than **September 4, 2017.**

Satisfaction of Kent State BSCI 40192 Requirements: This internship is designed to earn course credit from Kent State University through fulfillment of the BSCI 40192 requirements. It is expected that the student fulfills Kent State's BSCI 40192 requirements in a satisfactory and timely manner. This internship will allow the student to apply knowledge in water quality, environmental management, botany, geology, zoology, and environmental science to participate in a regional watershed management approach to improving the water quality and habitats of the Tinker's Creek watershed, and thereby the Cuyahoga River and Lake Erie watersheds as well.

Such applications include applying stormwater and pollution knowledge to real-world municipal permit requirements, utilizing plant knowledge to restabilize and restore

riparian areas, applying principals of environmental science to prioritize parcels for preservation, and application of water quality, macroinvertebrate, and other types of sampling experience to create an interactive outreach campaign for the 2017 Watershed Festival. Among other additional applications, the intern will be able to combine aspects of all of these fields to create an effective public education and public outreach campaign across the watershed.

In addition to these internal tasks, the intern will also have the opportunity to collaborate with partner organizations, including the Northeast Ohio Public Involvement Public Education (NEO PIPE) group, Central Lake Erie Basin (CLEB) collaborative, Cuyahoga Area of Concern (AOC) committee, and other watershed organizations. These groups allow the intern to gain experience in cross-jurisdictional watershed management and expose the intern to a variety of additional campaigns and experiences. Furthermore, the intern will gain insight into working in the nonprofit sector through exposure to membership solicitations and services as well as various fundraising and grant campaigns.

In accordance with Kent State BSCI 40192 requirements, the intern will keep a daily journal of his/her experiences at TCWP and submit both midterm and final reports to the University. Completion of these requirements will be the responsibility of the intern. Please see the full list of KSU BSCI 40192 requirements at the following link: <https://www.kent.edu/sites/default/files/file/internship-application-2.pdf>

Required Qualifications:

- Currently college student with Junior or Senior class standing
- Preferred majors include but are not limited to: Environmental and Conservation Biology; Zoology; Botany; Geology; Geography; Biology; Recreation, Tourism, and Parks Management; Environmental Studies; Environmental Geology
- Superior verbal and written communication skills. Strong interpersonal skills and ability to communicate effectively in writing and verbally with all personnel and customers at a professional level.
- Attention to detail, task-oriented, highly motivated, strong organization skills, self-starter, and superior analytical ability.
- Professional and respectful demeanor when communicating with private landowners and public agency personnel required.
- Ability to work outdoors in various weather conditions and to traverse uneven terrain while carrying up to 25 pounds.
- Must have a safe work record with good ethics and dependable attendance record.
- Must be familiar with and able to use Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint, and website updates.
- A personal commitment to attaining consistent levels of superior performance.
- Must have personal transportation, a valid driver's license, and auto insurance.

Interested candidates shall submit a resume and cover letter to Harry Stark via e-mail at harrystark@yahoo.com

Deadline: August 1, 2017 or until filled.