

Data + Advocacy Intern - 2024



Overall goal: Work with a community to understand their existing environmental health concerns and provide data analytics to support their needs.

Action Items and Deliverables

Get Trained & Onboarding

During onboarding we will go over paperwork and other policies and procedures.

Over the course of the semester – all Sci4Ga interns will receive science communication training.

Establish Contact w/ Community and Understand their Environmental Health Concerns

Utilizing existing contacts within the Georgia Water Coalition and Science for Georgia reach out to an identified community (most likely Augusta, Valdosta, City of South Fulton, or South Dekalb) and hold a feedback session to outline known environmental hazards (including Haz Waste Sites) and then understand their community concerns.

Understand Data Needed

Based on community concerns, understand what data needs to be added to the existing Map Project to further contextualize their environmental health concerns and to make a case to the Georgia EPD for Hazardous Waste Trust Fund Money.

Create a plan of action to produce updated data stories by end of semester.

Identify, Clean, and Analyze Data

Identify supplemental data sets, clean, important, and analyze them in the context of the existing Map Project.

Create Contextualized Data Stories

Create data stories to support the needs of the community including applying for Haz Waste Trust Fund money.

Report Out to Community

Present your findings to the community, answer questions, and create a plan to address their feedback.

(Stretch Goal) Contextualized Health Information

Given the community feedback and health concerns – create and/or identify a set of one-pagers that people can use to improve their daily environmental health.

Weekly Work Details

All interns have a weekly meeting with their supervisor. Here they will discuss their progress toward goals, plan for the upcoming week, and issues blocking progress. This will also be a time for interns to ask questions and receive career building mentorship.

All interns participate in the weekly Sci4Ga all hands meeting where everyone shares a quick update on progress, and we brainstorm our way through questions.

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Items needed:

1. Laptop

Skills needed:

1. Computer literacy
2. GIS
3. Data Analysis techniques
4. Time management
5. Independent research skills
6. Policy and program Analysis

Skills that will be gained

1. Science communication
2. Public outreach
3. Storytelling
4. GitHub Utilization
5. Agile project management techniques

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