



Aquatic Invasive Species Internship

Internship summary:

River Alliance of Wisconsin is seeking **two** Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Interns for the 2020 summer (and potentially fall) field season. The AIS Interns will be based out of La Crosse, Wisconsin, and will serve La Crosse, Trempealeau, and Buffalo Counties (with focus on the Mississippi River and its major tributaries). The AIS Interns will report to River Alliance's AIS Manager, who will oversee the duties of the AIS Interns. All necessary training for the position will be provided.

Duties and responsibilities:

- Conduct Clean Boats Clean Waters watercraft inspections at high-traffic boat landings on the Mississippi River and its major tributaries in La Crosse, Trempealeau, and Buffalo Counties from May-early September.
- *Intern availability permitting (not required)*: Opportunistically conduct watercraft inspections in key duck hunting areas along the Mississippi River in the fall (late September-early December) as part of the Waterfowl Campaign.
- Enter all watercraft inspection data into the Surface Water Integrated Monitoring System (SWIMS) database on the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources website.
- Participate in statewide AIS prevention efforts, i.e., Landing Blitz, Drain Campaign, Bait Dealer Initiative, Waterfowl Campaign, Project Riverine Early Detectors (RED), and AIS Snapshot Day.
- Assist the AIS Manager at major fishing tournaments on the Mississippi River, e.g., Bassmaster and Fishing League Worldwide, to increase AIS outreach to tournament anglers.
- Assist the AIS Manager at workshops, trainings, events, and AIS monitoring and control efforts and complete other duties as assigned.

Required qualifications:

- Must be willing to work early mornings, evenings, weekends, and holidays, including Memorial Day, Independence Day, and Labor Day, to match the peak use of public boat landings.
- Must provide your own vehicle. Travel outside La Crosse County will be reimbursed. Must have a valid driver's license, proof of insurance, and a good driving record.
- Must have basic knowledge of natural resources, preferably with regard to AIS identification, prevention, containment, and control.
- Must demonstrate strong interpersonal skills and the ability to interact with the public.
- Must be a self-starter and able to work independently without close supervision.

Internship duration:

The AIS Internship positions are funded for approximately 400 hours. The approximate start date is May 18, 2020 (the start date *is* flexible). The approximate end date is September 7, 2020, with possible extension from late September to early December if intern availability allows.

Compensation:

\$11.00 per hour

How to apply:

Please send a letter of interest highlighting qualifications and resume to Ellen Voss at evoss@wisconsinrivers.org.

Application deadline: March 20, 2020

For more information, contact Ellen Voss, AIS Manager, River Alliance of WI, at evoss@wisconsinrivers.org