



Title:	Coastal Conservation and Restoration Internship
Duration:	10 weeks (approximately May – August 2021); 40 hours per week
Compensation:	\$4,000 stipend and job-related travel reimbursement
Minimum age:	18
Minimum requirements: (current as of April 2021)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">♦ Must be enrolled in a four-year accredited college or university.♦ Must have completed sophomore year prior to the start of the program. Must NOT be eligible to graduate prior to December 2021.♦ Must possess a minimum overall GPA of 3.0 based on a 4.0 scale at the time of application.♦ Must be a U.S. citizen, national, or permanent resident.♦ Must have a valid driver’s license and reliable personal vehicle.♦ Must be willing to travel (regionally) and work flexible hours (approximately 40 hours/week. This position may require travel connected with official duties, including attendance at night and weekend meetings, conferences, etc.
Preferred qualifications:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">♦ Good writing and communication skills.♦ Self-motivated learner that can coordinate and implement projects.♦ Ability to work effectively and build relationships with others.♦ Proficient in Microsoft Word, PowerPoint, and Excel.♦ Experience with GIS.♦ Understanding of marine or estuarine ecology and/or environmental engineering.
Physical requirements:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">♦ Strong swimmer.♦ Able to work in harsh environments, such as coastal wetlands and remote beaches, with no shade.♦ Able to carry at least 20lbs through harsh environments.♦ Able to perform physical labor for 8+ hours in a day.
Apprenticeship Description:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">♦ Contribute to the Coastal Conservation and Restoration Program efforts (http://coastal.msstate.edu/ccr).♦ Collaborate with a large multi-disciplinary team from MS, AL, and FL on coastal conservation and restoration focused research and extension projects.♦ Conduct research and extension activities focused on evaluating the effectiveness of shoreline restoration techniques and barriers to restoration, improving restoration effectiveness and stewardship, and disseminating learned information to a broad group of end-users.♦ Maintain a reflection journal outlining apprenticeship experiences.♦ Develop and present a poster or presentation at an industry-related conference or professional meeting identified by the Extension mentor.
For more information about this Coastal Restoration apprenticeship, contact:	
Other Information:	<p>Dr. Eric Sparks Director of Marine and Coastal Extension Mississippi State University eric.sparks@msstate.edu 662-769-2040 (mobile)</p>

Housing is not provided. However, for this apprenticeship opportunity, there are several reasonably priced and flexible nearby housing options available. To learn more about the MSU Extension Undergraduate Apprenticeship Program, visit <http://extension.msstate.edu/apprentice>.

**Application
Process:**

Online application due by **11:59 PM on February 14, 2021**. To apply visit:
<https://bit.ly/2021MSUESApprenticeship>

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