Watershed Resource Center Internship

Explore Ecology is seeking one UCSB student intern to assist with education and outreach efforts at the Watershed Resource Center (WRC) and help with Coastal Cleanup Day (CCD). This internship is open to current UCSB undergraduates, graduating seniors, or graduate students. The WRC is an educational facility located at Arroyo Burro (Hendry’s) Beach in Santa Barbara. The WRC is primarily used for school field trips, education events and meetings, and as a community meeting place. Coastal Cleanup Day is an annual beach cleanup held statewide throughout California. Explore Ecology manages both the WRC and CCD on behalf of the County of Santa Barbara.

Job duties will include, but are not limited to:

● Assisting with the coordination of CCD events including managing data, distributing supplies, and creating promotional materials and social media posts
● Collaborating with UCSB student groups to further the mission of Explore Ecology and educate the UCSB community about local water quality issues and solutions. This will include organizing a CCD event at UCSB
● Developing hands-on activities for use during WRC Open Hours and adapting existing activities for pandemic safety protocols
● Creating educational display content for the WRC building
● General building care, oversight, and maintenance
● Assisting with summer programming, observing and leading activities or helping with logistics and prep (dependent on skills and interests)

Required Skills and Experience:

● Environmental and/or education background
● Self-starter and ability to work independently
● Strong organizational skills
● Creativity
● Good communication and public speaking skills
● Passionate about preserving and protecting California’s coastal ecosystems

Preferred Skills and Experience:

● Social media/marketing experience
● Graphic design experience
● Video editing experience
● Bilingual English/Spanish

This internship is funded through a grant from UCSB Coastal Fund and is open to enrolled UCSB students. The internship will run from late April-October 2022 for a total of 200 hours (approx. 10 hrs/week). The position will be a combination of remote and in person, depending on COVID restrictions. Compensation for this position is $15.30/hr.

Please send your resume, cover letter, and any questions to Lydia Ballantine, Watershed Resource Center Manager, at lydia@exploreecology.org by April 15th. For additional information about Explore Ecology, visit www.exploreecology.org.