Illinois-Indiana Sea Grant (IISG), in cooperation with Shedd Aquarium in Chicago, Illinois, is offering a Community Engaged Internship (CEI) opportunity to support conservation outreach efforts.

The CEI intern will work with the Conservation Action team at Shedd Aquarium to identify a priority community in Chicago and develop outreach resources for preventing plastic pollution. The intern will develop messaging for local restaurants and community members, encouraging the reduction of plastic use. Additionally, using education tools, the intern will connect Shedd’s plastic reduction efforts at beach cleanups with plastic pollution prevention in general.

For eligibility, students must be enrolled in an undergraduate degree at a 2- or 4-year college or university, at the time of application. IISG and Shedd Aquarium encourage applicants from groups that are historically underrepresented in the sciences, including African-American, American Indian or Alaska Native, Hispanic and Latino/a/x, female, first-generation college students, veterans, LGBTQ+, and students with disabilities. The program is also open to students who have experienced and worked to overcome educational or economic disadvantages, and/or who have personal or family circumstances that may complicate their career path.

The intern will be paid $17.00 per hour and work 40 hours per week for up to 10 weeks, starting no later than June 3, 2024, and ending no earlier than August 9, 2024.

For more information about this position and how to apply, please visit our website. For questions, contact Angela Archer at amcbride@purdue.edu.

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