Due to restricted access to SERC campus located at Edgewater, MD and/or limitations by groups to access our site and resources, the SERC Education Department is in the process of transitioning back from virtual to a limited onsite program. A hybrid onsite/virtual internship means working onsite some days of the week and remotely, delivering content for interactive virtual field trips (iVFTs). Currently our campus is open to small groups, of up to 20 students at one time, though this may change to larger groups by Spring 2022. Interns will be asked to deliver programs onsite, though they may not be onsite every day of the week.

Internship dates are flexibleSpring internships: Run late March-early June

**Deadline for application:** December 15th

All internships are paid $600/week and may last between 10-12 weeks. Onsite dorm housing is available on a limited basis.

**Please apply online using the portal page:** [**https://solaa.si.edu/solaa/#/public**](https://solaa.si.edu/solaa/#/public)

**SERC Education Department’s Mission:**Bridging the science and education programs at SERC. To do this we will engage K-12 students and educators in activities  
that help them better understand the world around them, using the lens of SERC research.

**LEARNING OBJECTIVES FOR A SERC VIRTUAL/HYBRID INTERNSHIP:  
*A virtual Education Department intern will:***Learn how to deliver hands-on in-person and interactive virtual field trips, with skills such as facilitating the field trip, delivering the content, and managing groups.  
Create content related to delivering either onsite or virtual field trips, activities, and sessions (written or visual)  
Learn and apply skills related to group management field trips

Learn how to maintain and update the SERC Learning Lab platform for posting Education Department materials such as lesson plans, videos, and activities for teachers and students.  
Learn how to work effectively with volunteers (from a variety of backgrounds)  
Understand how to deliver at least one large scale virtual public engagement event virtually or hybrid.  
Learn how to track and manage group program information, bookings, and interactions with groups.  
Create a final project: Co-creating and delivering one remote field trip program to be presented to SERC at large as well as at least one other group (TBD)

**WEEKLY DUTIES:**Assigned readings of training materials, program content, and background for programs  
Meetings with Education staff and regularly communicating via Microsoft Teams  
Check-ins/working on final project  
Attending trainings by Education staff  
Updating group contact information, notes, and bookings  
Co-hosting and facilitating online programs  
Assist with Citizen Science digital initiatives as needed  
Work with Education volunteers and attend Lunch n’ Learns  
Help co-host SERC’s Adult Institute of Learning programs (SAIL)  
Onsite, care of large aquaria and live turtles  
Onsite, manage and maintain program materials, set-up and take-down for programs

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