



Position Title: Riverkeeper Intern

About the Catawba Riverkeeper: Founded in 1997, the Catawba Riverkeeper became the 21st waterkeeper organization in the United States. Now a part of an international movement of waterkeepers that boasts over 400 local affiliates, we preserve and protect the waters of the Catawba-Wateree River Basin for generations to come. The Catawba Riverkeeper keeps watch over 5,000 square miles of land that drains into the Catawba-Wateree waterways. We accomplish our mission in three ways:

We **EDUCATE** students and the public on how they can make a positive impact on the water quality in our region.

We **ENGAGE** by providing opportunities for people to interact with the river to gain an understanding of the importance of this shared natural resource or deepen their commitment to our one river.

We **PROTECT** our river basin via scientific fieldwork, promoting access to public resources, volunteer led action and community advocacy.

Catawba Riverkeeper is a community focused organization supported by more than 5,700 members and volunteers located throughout a 26-county river basin that dedicate time, talent and treasure to ensuring the protection of the Catawba-Wateree River. Our full-time staff of 8 and volunteer board of 16 guide the work of this passionate group of people.

Accountability: The Riverkeeper Intern will report to the Catawba Riverkeeper, Brandon Jones.

Responsibility: The Catawba Riverkeeper Foundation seeks 2 motivated Riverkeeper interns for summer 2021. Interns will have a unique opportunity with an internship working both indoors analyzing data and outdoors with field work. Work will include analyzing pollution data, managing projects leading to direct policy change, assisting with waterway patrols, collecting samples in the field, and running laboratory equipment.

Main Duties:

- Coordinating with volunteers and other interns to collect, process, and publish weekly bacteria data for our Swim Guide program
- Requesting and analyzing pollution discharge data
- Mapping current and future threats to the water



- Other duties such as assisting with events, programs, and administrative tasks.
- Research industry best practices and stay update on new developments

Qualifications:

- Proficiency with Excel or Google Sheets, including data manipulation, summary and analysis
- Willingness to occasionally get wet and dirty in the field
- Ability to hike through brush and moderate terrain
- Sharp attention to detail
- Clear, concise communication skills
- Confident self-starter
- Experience with GIS or willingness to learn
- Ability to pass a background check
- Ability to work with limited supervision

Schedule:

The Riverkeeper Interns will be expected to work up to 30 hours a week. Anticipated start date will be in mid-May and will continue until early-September depending on academic schedule. This will be an in-person internship, as both lab work and field work are required.

Compensation:

The Riverkeeper Interns will be given a \$2,500 stipend to be distributed in once/month payments.

How to Apply:

Interested applicants should send a cover letter, resume which would include contact information of 2 references to crf@catawbariverkeeper.org with "Summer 2021 Riverkeeper Internship" in the subject line.

Interviews for these positions will be conducted on a rolling basis.