

Student Internship at URI's Cooperative Extension Water Quality Program

The URI Home*A*Syst Program is an award winning voluntary residential pollution prevention program. We provide workshops, publications, and other educational resources and tools to communities and organizations to promote informed decision-making. We work in partnership with others to train residents to take actions to protect their health and the environment.

An internship with us is a great opportunity for undergraduates with a passion for public education and outreach. The internship runs each semester with the student working **10 hours per week** and earning up to **3 credits** towards a degree.

The successful applicant will provide support for URI's Water Quality Program, specifically helping with community outreach and education.

Skills Gained:

- Gain knowledge about RI drinking water resources, private well water protection and maintenance, and ways to conserve water resources
- Gain knowledge about Cooperative Extension, education and effective community outreach methods
- Improve public speaking skills, office and organizational skills
- Opportunity to network with partnering agencies and community organizations

Primary Duties and Essential Job Functions:

- Attend up to 2 weekend community events per month (e.g., farmers' markets, festivals, RI Home Show etc.) to set up a table/tent, hand out information, and educate the public on drinking water pollution prevention
- Attend/set up evening educational workshops
- Participate in private well water kit pickup
- Assist in delivering information and coordinating programs as they develop

Preferred Skills:

- Reliable, able to work independently and productively
- Excellent oral and written communication skills
- Comfortable with public speaking
- Flexibility to work evenings and weekends
- Science background with the ability to learn handouts and materials
- Valid driver license and reliable vehicle

For more information about the program visit our website at www.rivelltesting.org

To apply, contact Alyson McCann at Alyson@uri.edu.

- Cover letter including statement of interest
- Resume including contact information for 2 references