Organization Name: Captain Planet Foundation

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Internship Supervisor:
Karan Wood
Director of Leadership Center

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Organization’s Mission Statement:
The mission of the Captain Planet Foundation is to give the next generation of environmental stewards an active understanding and love for the natural world in which they live. Our unique program of funding and supporting hands-on environmental projects is designed to encourage innovative initiatives that inspire and empower children and youth around the world as they work individually and collectively creating environmental solutions in their homes, schools and communities.

Summary of organization’s primary programs and services:
The Captain Planet Foundation consists of 6 main programs and services: Small Grants Program, Learning Gardens Program, Planeteer Clubs, Leadership Center, Support, and Events. The intern will be working within the Leadership Center which bridges the Foundation’s external programs, such as grants to support environmental education projects across the world, and its internal programs, including the Learning Gardens, Youth Planeteer Clubs and other demonstration projects. Its mission is to support environmental literacy and stewardship by promoting best practices in the field. Inspired by ideas gleaned from twenty years of Foundation-funded projects; and based on research into childhood education and activities; as well as evaluation of promising programs, the Leadership Center shares the most effective curricula, techniques, approaches and strategies for empowering the next generation of Earth’s caretakers.
**Intern’s title:**
SAGES Intern

**Number of interns requested by this organization?**
Up to 2

**Internship project/job description:**
The Captain Planet Foundation is embarking on an initiative to empower the next generation of Earth’s caretakers by transforming science education. Having funded science learning activities and environmental stewardship projects for decades, disseminated ‘best practices’ derived from these lessons, and established a network of science curriculum and content experts, CPF is launching a four-year, $1.9 million campaign to create an ‘environmental and natural science pathway’ through new science standards being adopted by a coalition of states. This approach will increase academic success of struggling students; prepare them for further education, adult life, and careers in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) fields; provide free cutting edge curriculum for schools and states; and reclaim our nation’s prominence in science.

In addition to assisting with our curriculum initiative: Science for All Generations through Environmental Stewardship (SAGES) and other projects of the CPF Leadership Center, the intern will have some time to pursue an undergrad independent study or graduate thesis project that furthers the goals of CPF and entails original research or a novel analysis of science education and eco-literacy.

**RESPONSIBILITIES:**
1) Provides support to Leadership Center Director as follows: (75% of time)
   * Schedules and coordinates logistics of professional learning workshops and focus groups
   * Prepares and maintains records in database
   * Schedules appointments and meetings
   * Assists in preparation of meetings
   * Keeps appointment calendar updated and communicated
   * Other related duties as requested
2) Provides support to Executive Director, Development Coordinator, or Grants Manager, as requested (10% of time)
3) Dissertation project must be mutually agreed upon; further the goals of the CPF Leadership Center; and be based on original research or novel analysis / approach to an environmental education issue (15% of time)

**Departments:** Leadership Center
3–4 full days/week or 5 half-days/week

**How to Apply:** send resume and writing sample to Karan Wood at [Karan@captainplanetfdn.org](mailto:Karan@captainplanetfdn.org)
Qualifications:

Knowledge of student-centered, active-learning pedagogies in science education would be ideal, an intern-applicant who is well versed in servant leadership could also be competitive.

REQUIREMENTS:

* Undergraduate or graduate student in good standing, intending to be a full time student in fall 2014
* Availability for minimum of 8 weeks / maximum 12 weeks during summer 2014 (start and end dates negotiable)
* Clear, concise communication skills, including listening, speaking and writing
* Self-directed and able to work productively with minimal supervision
* Attention to accuracy and detail
* Ability to work calmly under pressure
* Punctuality and reliability
* Tolerance for routine tasks, as needed (including copying, report preparation, database management, proofreading, etc)

If there are other requirements for this position (security check, drug screen, immunizations, etc.) please note them here:

None

Will the internship require that the student have a car?

No

Is placement site accessible by public transit or other transportation options?

Yes, Take MARTA to the Peachtree Center or CNN stop.