

Texas Sea Grant - Community Engaged Internship (TXSG-CEI)

Summer Opportunity: Paid Internships for Undergraduate Students with an Interest in Coastal and Marine Sciences



Sea Grant's Community Engaged Internship (CEI) aims to broaden participation in coastal, ocean and marine sciences by offering paid internships to students in any field of study, with an interest in coastal and marine sciences. The CEI is a national program partnering with Sea Grant at colleges and universities in all coastal states. **This opportunity focuses on Texas Sea Grant's TXSG-CEI Program.**

WHEN: Summer internship is 8 - 10 weeks and generally runs June 1st into August.

STIPEND: Interns will be paid a stipend of \$6,000 to be used based on travel and project's scope of work needs.

WHAT YOU WILL DO: TXSG Extension Team Mentors will engage TXSG-CEI interns in projects in field work, extension, outreach and/or public engagement. Details and requirements of internships vary by the specific TXSG-CEI Projects listed on page 2. There will be 4 projects with separate project links for applying.

Interns are expected to participate in all aspects of the Community Engaged Internship Program:

- ***On-the-ground learning experience on a TXSG-CEI Extension project may include:***
 - Completion of a TXSG-CEI project that extends the knowledge of community stakeholders to address coastal, marine issues of environmental, economic and/or social importance, and
 - Participation in any and all TXSG-CEI professional development and training opportunities.
- ***Mentoring*** by Texas Sea Grant Extension professionals.
- Virtual ***professional development*** sessions.
- Virtual ***Graduation Ceremony*** to celebrate accomplishments, network with peers and other professionals. Participation in pre/post ***evaluation***.
- Texas Sea Grant TXSG-CEI Program Competition will open Feb 2nd and will **close Feb 27, 2026**. Notification of selection will be made by email by **April 15, 2026**.
- **TXSG-CEI Project selection will be determined by** the applicant's interest by applying to a specific TXSG-CEI Project link, application quality, skills, interest and experience, and a brief virtual interview with the mentor, coupled with understanding of the location of the project and applicant's ability to re-locate for the 8-10 week term. A monetary stipend of \$6,000 will be made available to the intern to cover transportation to the work site and/or for housing costs. Texas A&M University campus **housing can be arranged for the intern if desired** (campus housing costs would be deducted from the total internship stipend). Interns are welcome to make their own local housing arrangements if not utilizing campus housing.

ELIGIBILITY: Interns must be enrolled in an undergraduate degree program at a 2- or 4-year college or university in Texas.

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Application Guidelines and Other Requirements

HOW TO APPLY: Submit ONE compiled application PDF by clicking on a specific project link. Complete the responses and upload your PDF.

DEADLINE: Applications due: **February 27, 2026 5:00PM CST; FIRM DEADLINE;** no late applications.

Decisions released: April 15, 2026

Application Content: ONE compiled PDF consisting of the following 3 elements compiled in the following order:

- 1. CV - (2-page limit)** detailed education and work experience;
- 2. Goal Statement - (1-page-limit)** emphasize your interest and how the internship opportunity will further your career goals; **REQUIRED: state which location and project to which you have a specific interest;** and
- 3. One Letter of Recommendation - (1-page-limit)** from a previous employer, current academic mentor, or a professor/instructor. **Letter must be on referee's letterhead stationery, dated and signed.**

MORE INFO:

- The TXSG-CEI Internship is a 10-week program based on a full-time 40-hour workweek.
- There is a stipend of \$6,000. Housing arrangements, if needed, can be administered by TXSG on behalf of the intern, prior to initiation of payment of balance of the stipend, to be paid in 2-equal installments, by June 1 and by July 1, 2026.

Texas Sea Grant TXSG-CEI: <https://texasseagrant.org/funding/txsg-cei/>

National Sea Grant CEI: <https://seagrant.noaa.gov/Community-Engaged-Internship>

For more information about the TXSG - CEI Program, please contact Mia Zwolinski, Texas Sea Grant Coordinator, at mzwolinski@tamu.edu.

This year's Texas Sea Grant CEI Internship Dates: Start Wednesday, 6/3/2026 - 8/11/2026 and Project Types and Locations (click on the project link to apply):

- 1 intern will work in the Corpus Christi area, assisting on the Resilient Communities & Economies Project, for preparing communities for natural hazards and disasters.
Apply at project link: Texas Sea Grant – Community Engaged Internship (TXSG-CEI) Corpus Christi Disaster Preparedness 2026
- 1 intern will work in the Galveston area assisting on Resilient and Healthy Coastal Ecosystems Project, for designing water quality and nature-based solutions programs.
Apply at project link: Texas Sea Grant – Community Engaged Internship (TXSG-CEI) Galveston Water Quality-Nature Based Solutions 2026
- 1 intern will work in the Corpus Christi area assisting on the Sustainable Fisheries & Aquaculture Project for supporting the business and operations of fisheries and seafood industries.
Apply at project link: Texas Sea Grant – Community Engaged Internship (TXSG-CEI) Corpus Christi Sustainable Seafood 2026
- 1 intern will work in the Galveston area assisting with the Galveston County Summer Youth and Adult Extension Programs.
Apply at project link: Texas Sea Grant – Community Engaged Internship (TXSG-CEI) Galveston County Youth and Adult Extension Program 2026