



## 2010 FUNDING ANNOUNCEMENT

# SCIENCE COMMUNICATIONS SUMMER INTERNSHIP

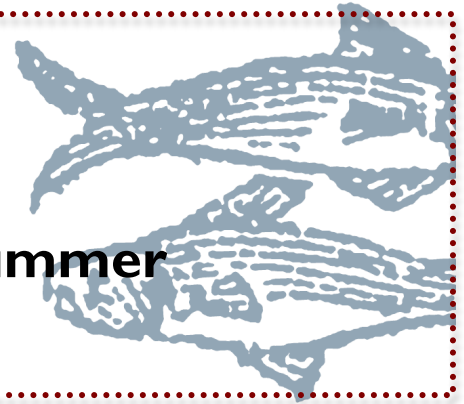
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# Science Communications Summer Internship

## *Internship Description*

Virginia Sea Grant (VASG) is pleased to announce a paid summer internship in coastal and marine science communication. The internship will provide an undergraduate or graduate student with training in science communication and allow him or her to initiate new projects at VASG, particularly projects in online audio, video, or social networking.

The Science Communication Intern will work directly with the staff of the VASG Communication Center on specific projects and communication deliverables that will advance effective communication of complex scientific and technical information to non-scientist decision-makers. The Communication Center is particularly interested in projects that would create audio or video content for our website, or use online social networking sites to communicate with and support our stakeholders.

The intern will work full-time, 40 hours per week, for 12 weeks in the VASG Communication Center in Maury Hall on the campus of the Virginia Institute of Marine Science (VIMS) Gloucester Point, Virginia. The intern will receive a \$2,000 stipend.

## *Application process*

Any student, regardless of citizenship, who is enrolled in an undergraduate, graduate or professional program in communication, journalism, science writing, or other related field at an accredited institution of higher education in the U.S., is eligible for the internship.

Please supply the following application materials. Adherence to the format requirements is mandatory and ensures fairness across all applicants. Incomplete or inappropriately prepared proposals will not be considered and may be returned. Items 1-3 may be submitted via email to [vsgproposals@vims.edu](mailto:vsgproposals@vims.edu). Please include "VASG Science Communication Intern" in the subject line. Items 4-5 must be mailed or faxed directly to Margaret Pizer at VASG and not included in the applicant's electronic submission.

1. Letter of Interest (2-page maximum) Tell us why you are interested in this internship. What are your career goals, and how will a science communication internship help you to achieve those goals? What education and experiences have you had in communications?

Provide examples of previous projects, whether personal, educational, or professional, that you've worked on and enjoyed. Describe communication skills you have and skills you would like to develop further.

2. Resume.
3. Short communication sample. Provide a short communication sample (e.g., written document or a link to online writing, video, or audio clip, etc.).
4. All undergraduate and graduate transcripts. Official transcripts are strongly preferred, although an applicant could submit copies of transcripts as part of their electronic submission.
5. Three letters of recommendation. Have three letters of recommendation sent directly to VASG.

### ***Evaluation process***

VASG will assemble a review team with the appropriate disciplinary and professional expertise to enable a thorough review of the applicants' achievements and potential in the communication internship. The criteria for the review are:

- Applicant's Merit—technical capacity of the applicant (academic record and statement of goals and objectives).
- Recommendations—content of external recommendations.
- Opportunity for Impact—the potential impact of the prospective intern's interests and skills, given the needs and capacity of VASG. Are the applicant's interests and skills consistent with the mission and interests of VASG?
- Additional relevant experience—e.g., educational experiences, extra-curricular activities, honors and awards, written communication skills.

### ***About Virginia Sea Grant***

Virginia Sea Grant (VASG) is a university-based, coastal and marine research, extension, and communication program, funded through the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) with matching support from the Commonwealth of Virginia. VASG is one of thirty-two Sea Grant programs nation-wide. VASG's mission is to enhance the ecological, economic, and social sustainability of coastal and ocean communities and the ecosystem services they depend upon through university-based research, extension, education, and communication. VASG supplies science-based information to citizens, businesses, educators, resource managers, and policy makers. VASG serves the Commonwealth of Virginia, the region, and the nation.