SCIENCE WRITING AND PUBLIC RELATIONS POSITION

Are you passionate about conservation and the environment?

Do you want to help the public understand the science behind current environmental issues?

*Then practice your communication and writing skills this summer with Iowa’s premier science and conservation organizations in the Iowa Great Lakes region of northwest Iowa!*

**DESCRIPTION** The Science Writing and Communications Position is a paid position jointly offered by the Iowa Lakeside Laboratory and the Okoboji Protective Association. The selected intern will live on the campus of Iowa Lakeside Laboratory on the shores of Lake West Okoboji in northwest Iowa.

The intern will assist each organization in promotion and coverage of public events, including:

- Update and maintain a list of print, radio and other media contacts
- Write and submit weekly press releases announcing each organizations’ outreach programs
- Edit and contribute to newsletter and annual reports
- Maintain a photo bank for each organization
- Organize publicity and logistics for the Okoboji Protective Association Clean Water Concert
- Maintain and update Facebook pages

**QUALIFICATIONS** The applicant should meet the following qualifications:

- Major in journalism, public relations, communication, and/or English
- Background and strong interest in the outdoors, water quality, science, conservation
- Excellent writing and organizational skills
- Event organization
- Willingness to take initiative and motivated to seek new learning opportunities
- Keen attention to detail when proofreading, copy editing and fact checking
- Experience in social media
- Interest in people, education, and scientific research, human dimensions of environmental issues

**DATES AND COMPENSATION** The paid position runs May 19 to August 10. Start/end dates somewhat flexible. Lodging at Iowa Lakeside Laboratory is included, and meals are included when Lakeside classes are in session (May 25 to July 31). Compensation is $8.91/hour.

**APPLICATION and DEADLINE** Applications will be accepted through March 31 or the position is filled. To apply, please email the information below to Jane Shuttleworth ([jane-shuttleworth@uiowa.edu](mailto:jane-shuttleworth@uiowa.edu)): one page cover letter describing how the proposed internship supports your interests and professional goals, resume, 4-6 writing samples - including articles and press releases -, and two references, including a professor from your field.
ABOUT THE SPONSORING ORGANIZATIONS

**Iowa Lakeside Laboratory** is a biological field station of Iowa’s state universities located in the Iowa Great Lakes region of northwest Iowa. Lakeside has provided summer classes and research opportunities to college students since 1909, and offers a variety of summer and year-round environmental education programs for learners of all ages. Lakeside conducts water monitoring and research through the Richard Bovbjerg Water Chemistry Lab operated in partnership with the State Hygienic Lab.

The Friends of Lakeside Lab, its non-profit partner, provides valued support for Lakeside’s water quality monitoring, research and environmental education programs.

**The Okoboji Protective Association**, established in 1904, is one of Iowa’s longest running and accomplished conservation organizations. The OPA mission is to improve and enhance the water quality and ecological health of Lake West Okoboji and the Iowa Great Lakes Watershed. The Clean Water Concert is a major public outreach event.

View of Lake West Okoboji from Iowa Lakeside Laboratory