



Kerry Mackin Internship

Position Description

The Ipswich River Watershed Association is seeking a motivated individual with strong interest in environmental education to join our team as our Kerry Mackin Intern. As our Kerry Mackin Intern, you will gain on-the-ground experience in leadership, environmental stewardship and education while making a lasting contribution with a community driven environmental non-profit organization.

Located on a 23 acre riverside property in Ipswich, Massachusetts, the Ipswich River Watershed Association is a small organization with a history of big accomplishments. Incorporated in 1977, we work to improve conditions on the Ipswich River through community engagement, environmental monitoring, habitat restoration and advocacy for water resources policy improvements. Our organization has been a statewide leader in efforts to resolve chronic low-flow issues by incorporating sound science in Massachusetts' water allocation process. We coordinate citizen science monitoring programs and are a key partner in river restoration projects. Visit ipswichriver.org to learn more.

The Kerry Mackin Intern will help plan and facilitate educational paddling outings for youth groups on the Ipswich River while working with staff and volunteers on a variety of projects during the summer. Primary duties will include:

- Help plan and facilitate destination based canoe outings for local youth, civic and out of school groups.
- Plan and provide customized, structured instruction to youth groups on and off-site in indoor and outdoor settings.
- Organize and lead occasional Ipswich River events and outings for adults. Assist staff with additional outreach, restoration or monitoring tasks as needed.
- Work with staff to maintain our Low Impact Development (LID) demonstration projects at our headquarters which include native plantings and rain gardens.

The successful candidate will have a keen interest in the environment and conservation as well as a willingness to learn and apply new skills on the job. Preferred qualifications include the ability to successfully facilitate youth groups in an outdoor setting and the ability to perform duties with minimal supervision. Groups will range in size from 10-40 individuals, ages 3-18. Youth groups will be accompanied by their own staff leaders with the focus of the Intern being the facilitation of outings and the delivery of associated educational programs. Occasional evening or weekend events may be required.

Candidates must have a valid driver's license and reliable transportation. Mileage will be reimbursed for work related travel. Candidates must be 18 years of age or older. Positions will be for 35 hours/week and last 12 weeks beginning no later than May 28th. This is a paid internship. Interested candidates should send a cover letter and resume (as an e-mail attachment) by April 30th to irwainfo@ipswichriver.org with "Kerry Mackin Intern" in the subject line.

Ipswich River Watershed Association is an equal opportunity employer.