

Friends of the Chicago River



Title	Video Journalist – Chicago River Day 20/20: See What You Can Do
Organization	Friends of the Chicago River - www.chicagoriver.org
Learning Objectives	Interns will develop multiple skills related to video journalism, interviewing skills, and event operations.
Responsibilities	<p>Primary Responsibilities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create a portfolio of 20 stories (video and written) from community members to tell their personal stories about the Chicago River for Chicago River Day 20/20: See What You Can Do. Stories will be shared through CRD 20/20 events and on exhibit at Friends' McCormick Bridgehouse & Chicago River Museum • Outreach to community members to set up interviews • Interview community members to gather content for stories • Edit video and written stories <p>Other Duties may include one or more of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assist with day of event activities • Other duties as assigned
Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Completed at least two years of college preferably in Journalism, or Communications. Journalism graduate student strongly preferred • Self-starter with a positive attitude who can work independently and as part of a team • Basic understanding of video journalism, including ability to edit video • Excellent communication and writing skills • Good research and problem solving skills • Ability to take primary responsibility for projects • Knowledge of Microsoft Office • Car and valid drivers license preferred
Schedule	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • January 9 – May 18, 2012 (includes some weekends, must work May 12, 2012) • 15 - 20 hours per week
Compensation	Unpaid
Background	<p><i>About Friends of the Chicago River</i> Friends of the Chicago River was founded in 1979 to improve and protect the Chicago River. With 2,000 members and 4,000 volunteers and online advocates, Friends' vision is a healthier, more accessible Chicago River that is used and cared for by the people of the region. Friends believes that the Chicago River can be both ecologically healthy and a catalyst for community revitalization.</p> <p><i>About Chicago River Day 20/20: See What You Can Do</i> In 1992, Friends of the Chicago River hosted 25 volunteers for "Chicago River Rescue Day". Twenty years, 43,000 volunteers, and nearly 500 tons of trash later, Friends celebrates its 20th anniversary of Chicago River Day 20/20: See What You Can Do with 20 days of watershed wide activities ranging from a pub crawl along the river to a native fish release. The celebration begins April 23, 2012 and culminates on May 12, 2012 for Chicago River Day with 4,000 volunteers at 65 locations.</p>
To Apply	<p><i>Send resume and cover letter by January 3, 2012 to:</i></p> <p>Meshawn Ayala mayala@chicagoriver.org Friends of the Chicago River 28 E. Jackson Blvd., Suite 1800 Chicago IL 60604</p>

