

Friends of the Chicago River



Title	Education Intern -- Chicago River Schools Network (CRSN)
Organization	Friends of the Chicago River
Learning Objectives	Interns will gain experience in facilitating site-based, environmental education as a way of raising awareness and increasing knowledge of the Chicago River for teachers and students within its watershed.
Responsibilities	<p>Primary Responsibilities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Give classroom presentations to students in grades K-12 about the Chicago River • Lead field trips for K-12 students to the Chicago River—including water quality monitoring, ecology/nature exploration and habitat restoration activities • Maintain water quality monitoring equipment <p>Other Duties may include one or more of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Setup and staff educational displays at environmental fairs and other events • Implement educational programs for guests at the Bridgehouse Museum • Assist with the planning and implementation of the Student Congress • Develop new classroom lesson plans and field trip activities for teachers • Create/deliver lectures on the watershed for various community groups • Assist in the preparation and teaching during Chicago River workshops • Judge school science fairs • Maintain a database on teachers and schools within the CRSN • Edit website content for the CRSN • Develop and complete an independent project agreed upon by you and Friends' staff
Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Completed at least one year of college • Pursuit or completion of education, life science or natural resource management degree • Experience and/or genuine desire to work with school age (K-12) students • Knowledge of local ecology and Chicago River a plus • Ability to work independently • Valid driver's license--Access to a car

Schedule	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Term 1: January 18 – March 26, 2010 (must work 2/20/10) • Term 2: March 29 – May 28, 2010 (must work 5/08/10) • 10 hours/week—must include two weekdays from 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. • Some Saturdays and Sundays included • <i>Term dates are somewhat flexible depending upon student schedules</i>
Compensation	Unpaid
Background	<p>For over 25 years, Friends of the Chicago River has helped create a greener, more accessible and better cared for river. Our acclaimed programs include public policy and planning initiatives geared toward improving water quality and access to the river so that it can best support wildlife and a myriad of recreational uses; on-the-ground projects that physically improve the river and provide quality habitat; and education and outreach programs that inform and inspire people to help revitalize the Chicago River. “Friends” is supported by over 2,000 members including individuals, businesses, corporations, foundations, government agencies, and other nonprofit organizations.</p>
To Apply	<p><i>Send resume and cover letter to:</i> Mark Hauser, Education Coordinator Friends of the Chicago River 28 E. Jackson Blvd., Suite 1800 Chicago IL 60604 mhauser@chicagoriver.org</p>