Spring 2027 Internship Positions with
The Clean Water Action Council of Northeast Wisconsin

The Clean Water Action Council of Northeast Wisconsin is offering spring semester internship positions to begin in January 2027.

Applicants should submit a resume with a letter of interest addressed to Dean Hoegger, President, The Clean Water Action Council of Northeast Wisconsin, P.O. Box 9144, Green Bay, WI 54308, or by email to contact@cleanwateractioncouncil.org. For pre-application questions, or to arrange an in-person or virtual office visit, contact Dean at 920-495-5127.

A $500 scholarship for 150 hours of activities during the semester is available, and the position has met university requirements for a three-credit internship**. As an alternative to the scholarship,** UWGB students could contact the student employment office at financialaid@uwgb.edu or 920-465-2075. NWTC students should contact the Financial Aid Dept. at finaid@nwtc.edu or 920-498-5444 for information about work study.

Depending on the student's interests and abilities, the intern will assist the executive director with projects including encouraging sustainable environmental policy, conducting environmental and legal research, planning events such as health forums, maintaining web and social media presence, community organizing, writing for the newsletter, communicating issues through film making and other media, etc. The intern will have the opportunity to attend conferences, workshops, trainings, court proceedings, and meetings with other environmental groups and environmental attorneys as scheduled during the semester. Some of these opportunities will be via virtual events.

An environmental studies, paralegal, or pre-law major is suggested. However, students in other majors including business, economics, and communication arts have previously benefited from the experience. The applicant should possess an interest in environmental issues and a desire to learn how small non-profit environmental organizations operate. Skills necessary for the position include general computer skills, strong reading and communication skills, and the ability to follow directions and work independently on projects. Good organizational skills with a strong work ethic will be needed for a successful internship. Additional opportunities can be tailored for individual interns.

CWAC was created in 1985 to fight toxic pollution in the Fox River and Green Bay. After many years of CWAC's sustained effort, including several lawsuits, lobbying, testifying at many public hearings, and educational programs, the Fox River PCB cleanup is now complete. Over the years, CWAC has been a leading citizens' advocacy group for environmental protection here in northeast Wisconsin. By being a party to numerous lawsuits and by bringing issues to the media, CWAC has been the voice of those often not heard, yet most affected by the environmental quality of the region. Interns have played a key role in these efforts.

Some of CWAC's work includes education and actions through social media, monthly action emails, quarterly newsletters, and online and in person presentations. Current efforts focus on protecting water resources ending the threat from coal tar pavement sealants, monitoring and challenging air and water discharge pollution permits, identifying permit violations through field observations including use of a drone, legal actions including drafting friends of the court briefs, planning for and hosting health forums focused on toxins in the home and environment including PFAS and microplastics, water sampling at Bairds Creek, planning fundraising events, and promoting legislation to better protect human health and the environment.

Most activities will be completed at Rose Hall office at UWGB, through online meetings, working remotely as needed, and some fieldwork.