

Spring Education Internship
April 28 - June 6, 2025
Stipend \$500 weekly, housing provided



Position Summary:

We're hiring! ISEA is seeking three individuals for Spring Education Intern positions, to help with ship and shore programming **April 28 - June 6**.

Previous sailing experience is not necessary, but much of the education programs will be provided onboard our traditionally rigged schooners. Most programs delivered aboard our educational vessels include teaching activities that explore Great Lakes topics including: water quality, food web dynamics, invasive species, forage fish, zooplankton, benthic macroinvertebrates, microplastics and pollution, as well as engineering practices and underwater technologies.

The ideal candidate is a strong communicator and team player, with enthusiasm for teaching about environmental science and the Great Lakes. **Early career professionals and people looking to transition into environmental education are encouraged to apply.**

Compensation:

\$500 weekly stipend.

Housing is included as part of this internship opportunity, on a needs and first-come basis. Meals are provided during programming.

2025 Programs:

Most of ISEA's programs are delivered aboard our educational vessels, schooners *Inland Seas* and *Alliance*. Programs include teaching activities that explore Great Lakes topics such as: water quality, food web dynamics, invasive species, forage fish, zooplankton, benthic macroinvertebrates, as well as engineering practices and underwater technologies (ROVs).

Spring education interns help deliver ISEA programming, complete tasks that support the education activities of ISEA, and participate in operations as needed in support of the mission.

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NOTE: Previous sailing or boating experience is not necessary, but candidates should be ready to work on board an operating commercial vessel, in various weather conditions (sun, rain, wind), which could include rocking or severe motion while on the water.

2025 Locations:

Spring Schoolship programs are delivered Monday through Friday, in-person, out-of-doors, dockside, near the water, and on board traditionally-rigged schooners from our two locations:

- **Suttons Bay, MI** (at the ISEA campus)
- **Traverse City, MI** (at Discovery Pier in West Grand Traverse Bay)

Eligibility:

Mature adults 18 years and older;
Ability to commit to all requirements, training, and to at least 40 hours of work per week;
Must be able to pass a background check.

Skills/Prerequisites:

- Enthusiastic about teaching and learning
- Ability to work well with youth and adults
- Willingness to learn and teach new subject material
- Knowledge of Great Lakes science, technology, and environmental issues
- Excellent interpersonal communication skills
- Strong team player
- Ability to climb up and down ladders (companionways)
- Not subject to severe motion-sickness

Anticipated Timeframe:

Spring 2025: April 28 – June 6, 2025

1. Training Week*: April 28 to May 2, 2025
 - a. Monday, Tuesday - Welcome, Orientation, and Introduction to Programs (primarily in-person, with some asynchronous modules)
 - b. Wednesday, Thursday, Friday - “Wet Run” in-person program rehearsals with volunteer instructors, plus debriefs and scheduling

**Approximately 35-hours total, required before programs start on May 5.*

2. ISEA Spring 2025 season: May 5 – June 6 (5 weeks)
Work is expected to be full-time (roughly 40 hours/wk)

Expectations:

Interns are expected to be available for approximately 40 hours per week for ISEA-related work. Weekly schedules will be set with the intern supervisor. Exceptions can be made for applicants wishing to work part-time (20-30 hours per week), with the stipend adjusted accordingly.

Application:

Applications will be considered on a rolling basis, with preference given to those received by end of day **March 9, 2025**.

Apply by email to Chris Symons, Education Coordinator - csymons@schoolship.org with:

- 1) *Resume*
- 2) *Letter of Interest (Why do you want to work with us?)*