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SUMMER INTERNSHIP

At the [Center for Climate Change Education](#) at the Paleontological Research Institution (PRI), we provide high-quality resources and programs for teachers, students, and the general public. Our mission is to provide and support action-oriented climate change education everywhere. We develop exhibits and online educational content, provide teacher professional development, run public programs at the Museum of the Earth and the Cayuga Nature Center, run programs for school groups and campers, and have leading roles in national and state climate change initiatives.

Position description:

MUSEUM OUTREACH INTERN

We are seeking an intern who is interested in nonformal climate change education to work on a project about harmful algal blooms and other climate change-related impacts to Cayuga Lake. Part of the project involves working in the Museum of the Earth, maintaining a news feature that will provide visitors with information about local and regional harmful algal blooms. The internship will also involve developing one or more education programs for museum visitors and running them over the summer. These programs will focus on harmful algal blooms and potentially other aspects of climate change's impact on the watershed. Finally, the internship may include developing educational content for PRI's social media channels.

Personal Projects:

We will discuss the intern's personal interests so as to create an internship that meets PRI's programming and organizational needs as well as the interests and personal development goals of the intern.

General Information & Requirements:

- Intern will be under the supervision of a PRI staff mentor.
- Intern will participate in the **Cayuga Lake Watershed Internship Program (the WIP)**, a coordinated program supporting a number of partner organizations and businesses hosting interns working in a variety of environmental fields. All WIP participants will participate in an initial orientation session, weekly group activities and a final presentation.
- Being detail-oriented is a must. Experience with graphic design software such as Canva or Adobe/Affinity products is helpful but not necessary.
- Must be able to provide personal transportation (please note that the Museum of the Earth is accessible by TCAT bus).
- Minimum age 18.

PRI is an equal opportunity employer. We are committed to being an inclusive organization, are seeking candidates from diverse backgrounds, and encourage all to apply.

Timeline:

May/June to August, flexible to accommodate school schedules, if applicable. Average of 20 hours/week.

Compensation: \$20/hour

Application Process: Priority will be given to applications received by March 9, 2026. Use the form provided on the [Cayuga Lake Watershed Internship webpage](#).

You will be asked to express your interests, to upload a resume, and provide one or two references. We will contact you to arrange an interview.

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