

Summer 2025 – Summer Research and Internship Opportunities

Great Lakes Plastic Debris and Microplastics Research (2-3 positions)

These positions will support new US EPA, Wisconsin Coastal Management, and NOAA funded projects related to plastic trash removal and research in the Great Lakes. Positions may include captain of the marine debris boat, deck hands, debris removal drone operators, etc.. Research assistants that will help with plastic trash removal, characterization, and microplastics research. These will work closely with the Field Assistants below. These positions are based in Door or Manitowoc County, WI.

Door or Manitowoc County Field Research Assistant (4-5 positions)

These positions support US EPA Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI) projects associated with Great Lakes beaches and Door, Kewaunee, and Manitowoc Counties, WI. The beaches have undergone, reengineering to mitigate microbial and chemical pollution and protect public health. You will conduct field research, operate a local lab facility, and be involved with many aspects of the research projects. Additional compensation may be available for this position.

Well Water Testing and/or Environmental Health Positions (4-5 positions)

Three positions will support the Environmental Health (EH) Program in Vilas County. This is a collaborative program that conducts EH inspections of facilities that are licensed by Vilas County. You will work closely with the EH staff with the county and be trained in conducting inspections of campgrounds, lodging facilities, and simple restaurants. You will also be able to participate in investigations of illness and is exceptional opportunity for anyone interested in public health careers.

Two positions within the Vilas County collaboration will manage the transient non-community well program sampling and the water-testing lab in the Vilas County, operated by UW Oshkosh. These interns will conduct well inspections, collect well water samples, and analyze samples within the testing laboratory. This person will be responsible for working with UW Oshkosh ERIC staff to make sure well water sample collection stays on schedule throughout the summer. All training will be provided, but excellent organizational and follow-through skills are needed.

Salary and Benefits:

For all positions a salary of **\$6,000+ for the summer (boat Captain will be paid higher rate), paid travel, and paid housing is provided to all interns.** We also encourage you to sign-up for [internships credit](#) to document the academic component of your experience. This can be through your department or through the Department of Engineering & Engineering Technology (EGRT 400).

You will have the opportunity to learn field and lab techniques, operate a state-certified laboratory, network with professionals in the field, co-author posters and publications, and live in a great part of Wisconsin for the summer.

Call or e-mail Dr. Greg Kleinheinz if would like additional information on any of these summer experiences. If you are interested in applying for a position, please send a resume and indicate which position you would be interested in to:

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Positions filled as people apply and all positions will be filled by mid-February.