

Science for Georgia Internship Program

About Science for Georgia

Science for Georgia is a 501c3 dedicated to bridging the gap between scientists and the public through training, outreach opportunities, and direct contact with the public, policymakers, and the press. Science for Georgia highlights how science can impact people's lives and advocates for the responsible use of science in public policy.

About the Program

Our interns work under the direct guidance of Science for Georgia's Director of Policy and are part of an intern cohort. We ensure our interns are given the skills, opportunity, and practice in engaging the public about the positive impact of science.



Program Components

Interns will:

1. Attend 4+ hours of SciComm Academy, our formal in-house science communication training.
2. Attend a weekly meeting (virtual) with all other interns to build community.
3. Create an individualized project Path to Success focusing on a specific topic within Sci4Ga's focus areas. This plan includes project milestones, personal development goals, and final product(s).
4. Engage Georgia communities with their final products through any number of channels, including Science for Georgia-hosted events, campaigns, and platforms.
5. Have an opportunity to engage directly with policymakers, especially during the spring, when the Georgia General Assembly is in session. As a non-profit, Sci4Ga works to explain evidence-based best practices – it does not lobby for specific bills or candidates.

Science for Georgia's 2022-23 Focuses

- **Education & Workforce** –Sci4Ga is actively working with the GA House Committee on Literacy Instruction. Work will continue on synthesizing information, crafting recommendations, and stakeholder interactions.
- **Environmental Health** – Working with stakeholders across Georgia to understand how evidence-based best-practices can make an impact on the food cycle, water systems, and land utilization. Identifying what small changes people can make to make a difference in their communities and identifying the greater policy changes that are needed. There is specific focus on best-practices that can have a positive impact in historically marginalized communities.

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Potential Projects:

- (year-long) Helping to organize and convene a community action group around the intersection of environmental justice and economic development.
- (semester or year) Helping to organize our Summer 2023 Environmental Health and Climate Protection conference: soliciting speakers, setting the agenda, crafting pre-reads, and conducting community interest surveys. (<https://sciencelookup.org/knowledge-base1/environmental-health-climate-protection-conference/>)
- (semester) In depth research into a specific topic and creation of a science information page that includes a summary of the research, applications to daily life, and one-page hand-outs ([see example: Beach Stewardship page](#)).
- (semester) Developing a set of videos and 3-week social media campaign to raise awareness around a specific topic. ([see example: Every Drop Matters](#))
- (semester) Creation of topical educational materials that will be utilized during community events, legislative outreach, and the Atlanta Science Festival.
- (semester) Organizing the 2023 Scavenger Hunt to Sea.
- (short project) Revamping our newsletter and public outreach practices.

Past Intern Successes

Ashley created [Beach Stewardship](#) information led to creation of the [Scavenger Hunt to the Sea](#). This program is now an annual summer event.

Paige wrote a resolution to have March declared [Georgia Reading Month](#), pulled together [a reading resource directory](#), and organized a book drive.

Emma helped to organize the [Edu & Workforce Speaker Series](#), which featured the Lt Governor, and wrote up the resulting roundtable [recommended Science Notes](#). HR 650, [creation of the literacy study committee](#), was a direct result.

Jordan organized a [Food Security Roundtable](#) which got Science for Georgia invited to speak before the Georgia Senate Study Committee on Improving Access to Health Foods and Eliminating Food Deserts. [Committee recommendations](#) lead to the bi-partisan, SB 357 (alas, died in committee).



Brooke Lappe and Jordan Ellison speaking before the Senate Study Committee on Improving Access to Health Foods and Eliminating Food Deserts on Oct 6, 2021.

Contact Us!

Questions, comments?

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Application process:

- Send cover letter, resume, and a writing sample.
- Set appointment to discuss project ideas and topic areas.

