

# 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 Directors 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 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 2023 Focus Areas

**Environmental Health & Justice** – Working with stakeholders across Georgia to understand how evidence-based best-practices can make an impact on the health of humans, the environment, and the economy. 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.

Specific opportunities include:

- Water Health
- Active engagement with the Georgia General Assembly
- Composting and Soil Health
- Data Analysis

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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 and follow-up to our [Summer 2023 Environmental Justice and Climate Protection conference](#): conducting community interest surveys, working on identified community impact projects.
- (semester or year) Working on our Data Analysis project – contextualizing local issues against a larger backdrop.
- (semester or year) Editing and producing short- and long-form videos about Sci4Ga events and science topics of interest. Published on YouTube and social media. (see example: [Every Drop Matters](#), or [YouTube @ScienceforGeorgia](#))
- (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) Creation of topical educational materials that will be utilized during community events and legislative outreach.
- (short project to full year) Assisting in partners and community recruitment and outreach, assisting with back-end IT needs

## 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). Based on the roundtable: **Abby** created a follow-on toolkit on [Creating Food Security Councils](#) and **Shannae** compiled a set of [appropriate food metrics](#).



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.

