

**Job Title:** Seafood Officer Intern

**Location:** Biloxi, MS

**Duration:** 10-12 weeks, 40 hrs/week

**Principal Responsibilities and Description:**

The Seafood Officer Internship assists with providing technical assistance to the Seafood Technology Bureau in meeting its goals. The mandate of the Bureau addresses inspecting seafood processing and distribution facilities on a quarterly basis; ensuring compliance with state and federal seafood sanitation safety regulations; maintaining high standards in producing value-added product; maintaining high consumer confidence in Mississippi seafood products; providing training and education workshops discussing handling, and consumption of raw shellfish products; increasing public awareness of food safety issues; supporting stewardship meetings and workshops; and promoting the dissemination of information on seafood safety, quality control, and proper handling practices. The incumbent will focus on the technical aspect of the Bureau's regulatory program. Duties will provide insight on the seafood requirements and inspections of the Mississippi seafood industry. The incumbent will be exposed to both office and industry environments. Additional duties may include surveying, monitoring, sampling and other management activities.

**Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities:**

The incumbent should be familiar with Microsoft Word, Excel, and Publisher. Incumbents will research state and federal regulations and also reference different seafood safety issues. Incumbents should also demonstrate the ability to implement multiple projects simultaneously and work effectively with others. Strong written and oral communication skills are also required.

**Education:**

Must possess or be attending school for a Bachelor's Degree in biology, microbiology, public health, chemistry, botany, coastal or marine science, ecology, environmental biology, environmental resource management (including fish or wildlife management), or any other biological related field from an accredited four year college or University. If degree is currently being pursued the candidate must possess enough hours to be classified as a junior or senior. As part of the application, please submit a copy of your transcripts (unofficial copy is acceptable).