

Social Dimensions of Marine Energy Data Collection Internship

East Carolina University Department of Coastal Studies is currently seeking summer interns. The interns will assist with survey work to contribute to an ongoing effort to better understand awareness and attitudes about marine energy. Marine energy is a form of renewable energy that is harnessed from the movement of the ocean, including ocean waves, currents, and tides. While marine energy technologies are still largely in the development and testing phase, researchers are interested in learning about people's perceptions of marine energy in order to assess the social acceptability of this type of use of ocean space.

The interns will assist researchers to implement a survey to Outer Banks visitors. Responsibilities will include identifying survey locations, intercepting and recruiting survey participants, distributing survey material, ensuring quality data collection, and data management. The interns will work under the direction of Dr. Eric Wade and Dr. Linda D'Anna at the Coastal Studies Institute. Interns should expect to spend extended time in the outdoor environment with potentially high summer temperatures at locations in the Outer Banks vicinity. Interns will need a vehicle to transport themselves to survey sites. Interns will be reimbursed for mileage for travel to data collection sites.

Interns will be expected to work 10-12 hours per week for 6 weeks starting in mid-to-late May until early July. If selected, the position will be supported through research programs. The deadline to apply for this position is March 15th, 2024.