



## **SPOTD Turtle Conservation Internship**

This internship supports the Save and Protect Ohio Turtle Diversity (SPOTD) program and is designed to provide hands-on conservation field experience. The Splash Fund of the Greater Cleveland Aquarium works in collaboration in a multi-agency partnership as part of the Spotted Turtle Headstarting, Augmentation, and Repatriation Program for Northeast Ohio.

Field sampling is conducted April through August. Interns will receive a \$400 stipend upon the completion of the program.

### **Requirements:**

- Be currently enrolled as an undergraduate or graduate in a college or university program
- Major in Environmental Science, Biology, Animal Science or related field
- Have a minimum of one year of course work in the major field of study
- Submit a letter of recommendation from academic advisor or receive college credit
- Must be motivated to work independently
- Previous field experience desired
- This position requires physical labor in outdoor conditions. Must be able to wade through small bodies of water and carry field equipment.
- Excellent verbal/written communication and organizational skills
- Must have a valid driver's license and personal transportation to field sites which can be up to 100 miles per day

### **Duties:**

- Travel around NE Ohio to field sites for surveying wetland habitats, trapping and tracking turtles
- Collect field data including animal metrics and environmental parameters
- Proper identification and handling of aquatic species including reptiles, amphibians and macroinvertebrates
- Must be able to use field equipment such as GPS, RF tracking device, pit tag reader, and HOBO dataloggers
- Follow biosecurity protocols and regulations directed by ODNR permit
- Maintain field gear in good working condition
- Coordinate the transfer of field gear between sampling teams
- Complete objectives, field report, data entry and informal presentations

Please email resume to Stephanie White, General Manager at [swhite@greaterclevelandaquarium.com](mailto:swhite@greaterclevelandaquarium.com)