

Coastal Flooding Summit Fellowship

The Union of Concerned Scientists is working with various partners to organize a National Summit on Coastal Flooding; a bi-partisan forum establishing that coastal flooding is a national issue affecting 25 coastal states and that it requires national attention and support. This convening of local officials will occur in New Hampshire in the midst of the presidential primary, drawing national attention to the plight of front-line coastal communities impacted by growing flood risk and ensure this issue is one that is considered within the context of public debate during the 2016 presidential cycle.

The Coastal Flooding Summit Fellow will:

- **Help develop and post website content:** logistical information as well as issue content from Gulf, East and West coast cities synthesized for elected officials, and associated materials in support of the conference.
- **Conduct outreach** to promote the event with potential participants, the media, and the general public.
- **Attend candidate events** in NH, to highlight the issue of coastal flooding and climate adaptation in the run-up to the conference.
- **Assist in organizing** the logistical and program aspects of the event

Location: UNH Sustainability Institute; Durham, NH

Time commitment: 40 hours per week, June 1-August 14, 2015

Qualifications:

- Enrolled in an undergraduate or graduate degree program. Academic background in communications, journalism, or public relations preferred.
- Exceptional written communication and interpersonal skills
- Knowledge of website platforms and experience using social media and programs such as Photoshop or similar design software
- Event organization experience preferred.
- Past work on a student newspaper or experience editing or writing for an organization newsletter helpful.
- Experience with media programming helpful.

This fellowship is an opportunity for a highly skilled and motivated student to contribute to a unique regional effort. As a result, fellows can anticipate gaining the following:

- An rich understanding of the complex economic, social and environmental challenges of coastal climate adaptation and resilience;
- Material to add to his or her professional portfolio;
- Exposed to the politics of climate adaptation and experience appealing to stakeholders from across the political spectrum; conservative and progressive.
- Experience bringing an issue to the forefront of national debate.