



CURRENT 2026 SUMMER INTERNSHIPS

General Internship Information

Position Type: Internship

Location: Hybrid, with both in-person and virtual work required (Current's offices are located at [111 N Canal St, Chicago, IL 60606](#))

Compensation range: \$22-25/hour

Internship duration: Tuesday May 19, 2026 through Friday, August 7, 2026

Applicants must be legally authorized to work in the U.S. without sponsorship. Please note that Current does not provide visa sponsorship for interns. International students are eligible for internships, but they must follow specific procedures based on their visa type, typically involving authorization from their university or program sponsor.

Disclosure regarding AI:

We encourage applicants to write their own responses for short answer questions in this application. Applications using full answers generated by artificial intelligence will not be considered.

Application Deadline: Wednesday, March 11, 2026

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Please review the internship descriptions on the following pages for additional details and requirements for each role.

Marketing and Communications Intern

Recommended Minimum Experience: Completed 3+ years of college courses

Number of positions: 1

Compensation: \$22-25/hour (at 20 hrs/week)

INTERNSHIP DESCRIPTION:

Current is seeking a Marketing & Communications Intern to support strategic communications and content development for Current and our Great Lakes RENEW initiative. This role includes, but is not limited to:

- Developing communications content and collateral materials for distinct programs, platforms, and constituencies
- Engaging a variety of audiences in learning about water
- Representing Current at events
- Organizing and maintaining Current's communication assets

This experience will provide hands-on experience in digital marketing, content creation, audience engagement, and external communications. The Marketing & Communications Intern may also provide support for other Current events and programs as needed.

ELIGIBILITY:

- Available to work up to 20 hours per week, for at least 8 weeks, between Tuesday, May 19, 2026 - Friday, August 7, 2026
- Available to work in-person at Current's office on Tuesdays between 9 am-5 pm
- Actively enrolled in any higher education courses for the 2026-2027 school year
- Flexibility to attend occasional in-person events in Chicago

WHAT WE'RE LOOKING FOR:

Our ideal candidate has the following skills and qualifications:

- Strong written and verbal communication skills
- Proficiency with social media platforms (Instagram, LinkedIn, TikTok, Twitter/X)
- Proficiency with tools like Canva or Adobe Creative Suite
- Excellent organizational skills and attention to detail
- Ability to work both independently and collaboratively as part of a team

Bonus skills and qualifications to have:

- Actively enrolled in an undergraduate or graduate program in marketing, communications, public relations, or a related field
- Professional or academic experience with social media, email marketing, or event marketing
- Familiarity with software platforms such as Google Workspace (Drive, Slides), Microsoft 365 (Word, Excel, PowerPoint), and virtual tools like Zoom and Slack
- Strong time management and organizational skills
- Ability to self-manage projects, deadlines, calendars, and files
- Interest in Current's work ([learn more here](#))

Environmental Sampling and Data Analysis Intern

Recommended Minimum Experience: Completed 3+ years of college courses

Number of positions: 1

Compensation range: \$22-25/hour (at 20 hrs/week)

INTERNSHIP DESCRIPTION:

Current is seeking an intern to support our water quality monitoring program, [H2NOW](#). The Environmental Sampling and Data Analysis Intern responsibilities would include, but will not be limited to:

- Supporting weekly river sampling, lab testing, sample drop off, and equipment maintenance for H2NOW
- Managing data collection, cleaning, and data visualization (specifically, statistical analysis and identifying other public environmental data sources to compare H2NOW data to)
- Assisting with Current's summer events, including our H2NOW Summer Celebration and/or tabling at community events for H2NOW-related learning activities

ELIGIBILITY:

- Available to work up to 20 hours per week, for at least 8 weeks, between Tuesday, May 19, 2026 - Friday, August 7, 2026
- Available to work in-person at Current's office on Tuesdays between 9 am-5 pm
- Ability to work in-person, in the field, around the city of Chicago
- Actively enrolled in any higher education courses for the 2026-2027 school year
- Flexibility to attend occasional in-person events in Chicago

WHAT WE'RE LOOKING FOR:

Our ideal candidate has the following skills and qualifications:

- Strong organization skills and a technical background (engineering, environmental science, chemistry, etc)
- Interest in water and wastewater technologies
- Experience with environmental sampling (either classroom, laboratory, or field)
- Data analysis experience, including familiarity with one of the following: Excel, Python, R, or similar
- Ability to adhere to standard operating procedures

Bonus skills and qualifications to have:

- Familiarity with safety and quality assurance protocols and procedures is preferred
- Familiarity with general software platforms, including Google (Gmail, Drive, Slides), Microsoft365 (Word, Excel, Powerpoint), and various streaming tools (Zoom, Slack)
- Strong writing and verbal communication skills
- Strong time management and organizational skills
- Ability to self-manage projects, deadlines, calendars, and files
- Interest in Current's work ([learn more here](#))