The Summer Kayak Center and Outdoor Adventure Internship/Practicum program is designed to enhance students’ academic education with hands-on experience as part of a university recreation program. While we encourage students from all programs of study to apply, the Kayak Center and Outdoor Adventure internship may correlate best with recreation related academic programs (such as outdoor recreation, parks and recreation management, leisure studies, and outdoor leadership). Interns are expected to apply and integrate learning between their academic coursework and internship experience. Intern reports directly to the Assistant Director of Outdoor and Bicycle Programs.

Intern’s primary responsibilities will be with our summer Kayak Center. Our Kayak Center operates out of the Bellegarde Boathouse, located on the shores of the Merrimack River. Kayak Center offerings typically include hourly and daily kayak, canoe and SUP rentals, adult and youth tours and clinics, teen and youth day paddling camps. Kayak center is open for rentals Mon-Fri 3-8pm and Sat-Sun 9am-6pm, May 27th to Aug 31st. Additionally, day programs and evening tours occur outside of those hours. Secondary responsibilities include working for the Outdoor Adventure Program and Bike Shop. The Outdoor Adventure Program offers a variety of trips for UMass Lowell students, faculty and staff. Trips include day hiking, river and ocean paddling, rock climbing, bicycling and backpacking trips ranging all over New England and beyond. The Bike Shop offers bicycle repairs, new and used bicycle sales, do it yourself shop time, and parts as well as serves the Freewheelers bike share program providing logistics and maintenance for a fleet of free daily rental bicycles to five locations across campus.

Responsibilities

- Daily Kayak Center programming and operations
- Outdoor Adventure Program logistics and trip leadership
- Assist with program planning, marketing, implementation, administration, and evaluation
- Leadership, instruction and group management with peers, adults, teens and children
- Serve a diverse customer base of students, faculty, staff and community members
- Special Project based on interns interests

Qualifications

- Be a current full or part-time university student in good academic standing, with a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0 or above
- General knowledge of recreation policies and procedures, and the ability to work effectively within a university setting
- Basic paddling skills, risk management and good judgement
- Ability to work independently and exercise good critical thinking and problem solving abilities
- Excellent written and oral communication skills
- Experience in leading groups is preferred
- Experience working with children or adolescents preferred
- Complete ACA River Kayak Instructor Course Levels I-II (offered with employment)
- Current First Aid/CPR/AED required (will train), Wilderness First Aid Certification or higher preferred
- Valid drivers license and ability to safely operate 12 passenger van with a kayak trailer required

Compensation and Time Requirements

- $100 per week stipend, on campus housing paid (approx. $250/week) and meal plan paid (approx. $125/week).
- Academic Credit when applicable.
- Access to outdoor trips and equipment at discount or no cost.
- This position is a full time internship with varying hours depending on the needs of the program and intern. Interns should be flexible and expect to work a minimum of 5 days/week, 6-10 hours/day. Employment will run from May 23rd to the end of August. End dates will vary slightly based on the needs of the intern.
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To apply please submit a cover letter, resume and references via email to:

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322 Aiken Street,
Lowell, MA 01854.

Please address the following questions for your cover letter and references.

1. Please state 2-3 goals and objectives that you have for this internship/practicum.

2. What interests you about completing an internship with a Campus Recreation program (as opposed to another site)?

3. What academic classes have you completed in school that would assist you in this internship experience?

4. What skills, qualifications, or past experiences do you have that can assist you in this internship experience?

5. Are you seeking academic credit for this internship? If so, please list your academic coordinator/advisor and their contact information.

6. Please list two references and their contact information; one academic and one employment.