



## Pollution Prevention Outreach Assistant Illinois-Indiana Sea Grant & University of Illinois Extension

Illinois-Indiana Sea Grant (IISG) is seeking an hourly pollution prevention outreach assistant. This position is fully remote, but candidates that are located in the Chicago or Champaign-Urbana area with the ability to travel within the Great Lakes region are preferred. Candidates from outside the Great Lakes region will be considered depending on the individual's experience and skills.

## Possible job duties might include:

- Conceptualizing, developing, designing, and maintaining outreach materials about pollution prevention topics (e.g., natural lawn care, proper disposal of unwanted medicine, etc.), with a particular focus on marine debris and microplastics;
- Creating and updating website content;
- Compiling and analyzing survey and data;
- Leading pollution prevention outreach events;
- Working with IISG and University of Illinois Extension staff and partners to identify resource gaps and make resources available to users as appropriate;
- Participating in staff meetings/webinars and administrative tasks as an IISG staff member as necessary.

Required: Bachelor's degree in aquatic ecology, natural resources, science communications, or a related field; valid driver's license; experience working with the general public, community stakeholders, community organizations or other related entities; strong writing, organizational, and people skills; strong initiative and ability to work independently.

Preferred: Graphic design, social media, and public speaking experience; experience with environmental outreach; ability to travel overnight; experience with qualitative data analysis.

Salary is \$20/hr. This is a flexible, part-time, hourly position, with the possibility to work up to 28 hours/week. The position is funded until January 30, 2026, with the possibility of an extension depending on the availability of grant funds.

Please submit a cover letter, resume or CV, and the names of two professional references as one PDF file to Sarah Zack at <a href="mailto:szack@illinois.edu">szack@illinois.edu</a>. Questions about the position can also be directed to Sarah Zack at <a href="mailto:szack@illinois.edu">szack@illinois.edu</a>; no phone calls please. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled, but review of resumes will begin on June 13, 2025.