

Atlanta Metro Fellowship

Title: *Chattahoochee Riverkeeper – Marjorie Cohen Fellowship*

Location: CRK Atlanta office - 6020 River View Road SE Suite 100, Smyrna, GA 30126

Length of Fellowship: 12 months

Hours: 30 hours per week

Pay: \$20 per hour

Pay period: Monthly

POSITION SUMMARY

Through the support of the Summit Foundation, Chattahoochee Riverkeeper (CRK) is proud to offer the *Marjorie Cohen Fellowship* at our metro Atlanta office. The goal of the *Fellowship* is to develop the next generation of environmental stewards, and to work towards the mission of Chattahoochee Riverkeeper. This one-year fellowship provides an excellent professional development opportunity for recent graduates pursuing careers in environmental advocacy, environmental justice, field science, and watershed protection. The Fellow will engage volunteers to organize and execute water sample collection in the field and conduct chemical and bacterial tests in our laboratory with CRK's Neighborhood Water Watch (NWW) program. Additionally, the Fellow will assist CRK's In-Stream Trash Removal Program with litter cleanup and data collection.

ABOUT CHATTAHOOCHEE RIVERKEEPER

Chattahoochee Riverkeeper's (CRK) mission is to advocate and secure the protection and stewardship of the [Chattahoochee River](#), its tributaries and watershed, in order to restore and preserve their ecological health for the people and wildlife that depend on the river system. Established in 1994, Chattahoochee Riverkeeper is an environmental advocacy organization with more than 10,000 members dedicated solely to protecting and restoring the Chattahoochee River Basin — drinking water source for nearly five million people. CRK was the 11th licensed program in the international [Waterkeeper Alliance](#), now over 300 organizations strong.

FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM DETAILS AND REQUIREMENTS

The Fellow will be supported by CRK staff and an extensive volunteer base which you will help manage. Most of the Fellow's time will be spent working with a team of volunteers and interns on CRK's [Neighborhood Water Watch Program \(NWW\)](#) to collect samples from Atlanta's waterways, conducting tests utilizing EPA-approved procedures in our on-site laboratory, organizing and maintaining laboratory supplies and equipment, and strengthening the presence of CRK in historically underserved areas. Field work will, at times, be rigorous as teams are tasked with working through heavily vegetated waterways in heat and cold. In depth data management and analysis will be utilized to target stream areas where on-ground inspections will be needed and executed. A portion of the fellowship will be dedicated to aiding [CRK's In-Stream Trash Removal Program](#) by conducting trash trap cleanups and data collection and analysis. Lastly, the Fellow will engage in organizational activities including staff meetings, retreats, and outreach and River cleanup events.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- Bachelor's degree in biology, ecology, hydrology, environmental science, or related field
- Dedication to environmental principles
- Ability to work autonomously in the field
- Laboratory experience preferred
- High degree of personal integrity
- Ability to travel as necessary

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

- Resume or CV – Description of your work experience (both paid and volunteer) including an outline of each job responsibility and dates of employment.
- Letter of Recommendation – At least one letter of recommendation is required. You may choose to have faculty members or current/former employers submit these letters. Letters of recommendation should be sent via email directly from the recommender.
- Cover Letter – Please submit a cover letter with your application. The letter should address the following:
 - How will this fellowship assist you in accomplishing your career goals?
 - How has your academic training/field of study, employment history, and volunteer experience prepared you for this fellowship?
 - What can serve as evidence of your leadership skills and ability?
- References – Make available upon request.

Please submit all application materials to mmeyer@chattahoochee.org.

**Chattahoochee Riverkeeper is an Equal Opportunity Employer
Candidates of all backgrounds are encouraged to apply.**

Workplan and Duties

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FELLOW RESPONSIBILITIES

The Fellow will assist the Neighborhood Water Watch Director and the Watershed Protection Specialist in the following:

- Running the Metro Atlanta NWW program
- Maintenance and cleanup for the In-Stream Trash Removal Program (Trash Traps)
- Mentoring/managing interns
- Other programmatic work
- General outreach including events, cleanups, and public presentations

PRIORITIES

1. Neighborhood Water Watch (75%)
 - Running Metro Atlanta NWW Program
 - Coordinating volunteers/interns
 - Managing supply orders
 - Maintaining lab equipment
 - Managing data entry/documentation of samples to public/internal databases
 - QA/QC for NWW protocols
 - Performing 2 creek walks per quarter
 - Assist with a River Rendezvous in the Atlanta area
2. In-Stream Trash Removal Program (20%)
 - Assist with trash traps cleanups after heavy rain events
 - Conduct routine maintenance on trash traps
 - Conduct forensic trash assessments and manage trash collection metrics
 - Data management and analysis
 - Assist in conducting educational seminars and community engagement events
3. Other (5%)
 - Respond to HOTLINE reports
 - Attend and work CRK staff meetings, paddle trips, tabling, and other events
 - Assist with a “Sweep The Hooch” site and other volunteer-based trash cleanups
 - Assist with weekly BacteriALERT water testing
 - Assist with wastewater sampling as needed
 - Maintain office as needed