

Midwestern Regional Climate Center (MRCC) 2026 Summer – GIS Intern

Position: Student hourly

Location: West Lafayette, Indiana (must be in-person); Purdue University-Lilly Hall

Salary: \$15/hour; 40 hours/week

Availability: Must commit to a minimum of 9 weeks. Up to 12 paid weeks are available. Internship period runs from May 18, 2026, to August 14, 2026.

Primary Function of Position: To serve in a support role within the service and research-based environment at the Midwestern Regional Climate Center (MRCC).

Duties & Responsibilities: This position is designed to expose the student intern to the range of GIS and climate service needs of the MRCC. The intern will assist MRCC climate scientists and GIS specialists with the development and modification of tools that present historical climate information in a spatial framework. They will apply their knowledge of GIS, computational skills, and physical science principles to support the MRCC's goals of presenting climate information in a useful and usable manner. Additional duties may include performing quality control on historical climate data and filling climate data requests.

Eligibility: This position is open to anyone currently enrolled as a sophomore or above in a physical science program. Graduating seniors are eligible *only* if they have been accepted to a graduate degree program, and they will begin that program no later than Fall 2026.

Knowledge and Experience Requirements:

- **Required:** Introductory GIS coursework; ability to read and create spatial data using ArcGIS Pro; using GIS to create maps and/or applications; ability to communicate effectively within a team environment.
- **Preferred:** Intermediate or higher GIS coursework; familiarity with computer programming, scripting, and/or statistical packages; familiarity with Python, HTML, JavaScript, or ArcGIS Online.

Application Submission Details and Deadline: A cover letter, resume, and the names of up to three professional references should be submitted electronically via email no later than **8 AM Eastern on Monday, March 2, 2026**. The applicant's last name must be included within each file name. Send all materials to:

Midwestern Regional Climate Center
mrcc@purdue.edu

Decision Timeline: Top candidates will be invited for a virtual interview in early March. Internship offer letters will be sent no later than March 20, 2026, and candidates will be given 10 days from when they receive their letter to accept or decline the offer. The MRCC expects to hire 1 intern for Summer 2026.

Logistics: Interns will be responsible for their own travel to/from West Lafayette and responsible for their own housing. Interns are eligible to apply for [student housing through Purdue](#).