

# Be a Citizen Scientist!

**Citizen Science is a partnership between the public (that's you!) and scientists.**

You don't have to be a scientist to work on a real scientific study! Citizen Science enables people from all walks of life to advance scientific research.

## SC Adopt-a-Stream

You can become a part of an active network of watershed stewardship, engagement, and education through hands-on involvement and a certified training process. Through their data collection, SC AAS volunteers play a needed role in monitoring and tracking water quality in areas not frequently monitored. As volunteers provide more baseline information about stream conditions, natural resource managers can make more informed decisions and use resources more wisely to solve water pollution and ecological stress in their communities.

Get going at <https://www.clemson.edu/public/water/watershed/scaas/>

## Tracking Insect Species in SC

Are you looking for an opportunity to volunteer your time helping wildlife? Are you willing to help collect data on species and their habitats? SC Department of Natural Resources has opportunities for the public to help gather information that biologists and researchers can use in assessing species and their habitats.

Get going at <https://www.dnr.sc.gov/volunteering/insects.html>

## SC Aquarium Citizen Science App

Make a difference by contributing to the study of local environmental issues like plastic pollution, sea level rise or invasive species. The app features a collection of environmental research projects led by professional scientists at the South Carolina Aquarium who need your help collecting data. Contribute to projects of your choice quickly and easily from your mobile device.

Get going at <https://scaquarium.org/conservation/citizenscience/>

## Want other options?

Visit [www.scistarter.org](http://www.scistarter.org) to find a project that interests you! There are HUNDREDS of projects that you can choose from!