

MONTANA FISH, WILDLIFE & PARKS

INTERN PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT

EMPLOYER: Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks

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DATE OF ANNOUNCEMENT: Friday, January 6, 2023

APPLICATION DEADLINE: Friday, February 17, 2023 at 5:00 PM (postmarked)

****STUDENTS MUST BE CURRENTLY ENROLLED IN A UNIVERSITY/COLLEGE****

POSITION TITLE: Mountain Lakes Intern

OF POSITIONS: 2

LOCATION(S): Billings/Absaroka-Beartooth Wilderness

WORK START/END DATES: Approximately June 5, 2023- August 18, 2023

HOURS/WEEK: 40

TRAINING/ORIENTATION DATES: Approximately week of June 5 (upon arrival)

COMPENSATION (PAY, PER DIEM, HOUSING, VEHICLE, ETC):

\$13/hour for 11 weeks

POSITION DESCRIPTION/SCOPE OF WORK:

Fisheries fieldworker in Region 5 (Yellowstone, Musselshell, Bighorn, Stillwater, Clarks Fork Yellowstone, Boulder drainages), Absaroka-Beartooth Mountains, Pryor Mountains, and Crazy Mountains. The majority of the work will be in Absaroka-Beartooth Wilderness for mountain lakes fisheries sampling, with a typical work week consisting of 4-days of backpacking. When not in the backcountry, a typical work week will be 3 to 5 days of field work to evaluate environmental conditions and fish populations in streams, rivers, lakes, and reservoirs throughout Region 5 with an emphasis on prairie streams. Additionally, personnel may necropsy fish and assess gut contents, assess potential spawning habitat, and provide information regarding access and camping. Personnel will use various fisheries techniques including gill nets, seines, electrofishing, traps, and angling to sample, identify, and collect fish weight, length, and ageing structures. Occasional office work for gear maintenance and data entry will also be required.

SKILLS, ABILITIES, KNOWLEDGE NEEDED (EDUCATION; UNDERGRAD/GRAD LEVEL, SUGGESTED/REQUIRED MAJORS)

Must be currently enrolled as an undergraduate at an accredited college or university, preferably in Montana. Minimum GPA of 2.75 is preferred in a major such as Biology, Fish and Wildlife, Outdoor Recreation, or Environmental Science. Must be able to hike long distances (up to 9 miles per day) over uneven ground with gear and packs that may exceed 60 pounds in diverse (and sometimes inclement) weather conditions. Knowledge of camping and backpacking, fish identification, angling experience, and the ability to read and interpret maps is a plus. The incumbent must be a good team member, able to take directions, occasionally work independently, and be willing to work at times in remote locations.

APPLICATION MATERIALS/PROCEDURES (RESUME, COVER LETTER, REFERENCES, ETC.):

1. Brief resume with at least 2 references
2. Cover letter (include why you would like this position, how it relates to your goals, angling experience, and backcountry experience, including the number of days spent and locations of backpacking trips)
3. Recent academic transcript (unofficial)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: (; HOUSING OF ANY KIND PROVIDED OR POSSIBLY AVAILABLE I.E. TRAILER, FREE CAMP SPOT, BASEMENT APARTMENT, EXTRA SLEEPING ROOM, ETC.)

The rewards are great for the student who is capable of successfully filling this position, but the job is physically challenging. This is an excellent summer opportunity for those desiring college credits as an internship, individual project, or independent study. It also provides experience working for a state management agency and could help toward a career in fisheries or wildlife management. Camping, backpacking, and angling gear provided.