

MONTANA FISH, WILDLIFE & PARKS

INTERN PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT

EMPLOYER: Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks

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DATE OF ANNOUNCEMENT: Friday, January 7, 2022

APPLICATION DEADLINE: Friday, February 18, 2022 at 5:00 PM (postmarked)

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

POSITION TITLE: Mountain Lakes Summer Intern

OF POSITIONS: 2

LOCATION(S): Billings/Absaroka-Beartooth Wilderness

WORK START/END DATES: Approximately June 27, 2022- August 19, 2022

HOURS/WEEK: 40

TOTAL HOURS FOR INTERNSHIP: 320

TRAINING/ORIENTATION DATES: Approximately June 27 (upon hire/arrival)

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

13/hr for 8 weeks, or a combination of wages and credit

POSITION DESCRIPTION:

Fisheries fieldworker in the Absaroka-Beartooth (A-B) Wilderness. Typical work week will be 4-days of backpacking into the A-B Wilderness for fisheries sampling. Personnel will utilize gill nets and angling equipment to collect fish weights, lengths, and aging structures. Additionally, personnel may necropsy fish and assess gut contents, assess potential spawning habitat, and provide information regarding access and camping. Interns may also assist with other regional fisheries projects including electrofishing, seining, mapping, etc.

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

Must be currently enrolled in a college or university, preferably in Montana. Minimum GPA of 3.00 is required in a major such as Biology, Fish and Wildlife, Outdoor Recreation, or Environmental Science/Studies. Other majors will be considered with backcountry and/or angling experience. **MUST BE ABLE TO HIKE AN AVERAGE OF 9 MILES PER DAY WITH A 60+ POUND BACKPACK.** Camping and backpacking experience is preferred, as is the ability to read and interpret topographical maps. Angling experience is a plus.

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)

Please send to contact person listed above. TWO students will be selected to fill this announcement.

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 goal in fisheries or wildlife management. Camping and backpacking gear provided.