

MONTANA FISH, WILDLIFE & PARKS
INTERN PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT

EMPLOYER: Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks

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DATE OF ANNOUNCEMENT: Monday, January 4, 2021

APPLICATION DEADLINE: Monday, March 1, 2021 at 5:00 PM (postmarked)

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

POSITION TITLE: Nongame Wildlife Intern

OF POSITIONS: 1

LOCATION(S): Miles City

WORK START/END DATES: Approx. May 10th to August 27th

HOURS/WEEK: 40

TRAINING/ORIENTATION DATES: May 10th to May 14th

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

\$11.50/hr with per diem at the state rate. *There is no overtime, paid holidays, or additional compensation for working on holidays or weekends for this position.*

A department vehicle will be provided for work travel. Interns must have their own transportation outside of work duties. Housing may be available. *Individuals may need to use their personal vehicle for part of the summer. If a personal vehicle is used for work, compensation for mileage will be provided at the state rate.*

POSITION DESCRIPTION:

The intern will assist with nongame management on a variety of tasks that include field and office work. This is an opportunity to learn a wide range of field skills that may include acoustic and mist-netting techniques for bats, amphibian and reptile surveys, and avian surveys (including nightjars, chimney swifts, cuckoos, and burrowing owls). The intern will be responsible for data entry, data management, and the maintenance of equipment.

This position is based out of Miles City and will include travel throughout southeastern Montana. Most of the time will be spent in the field and may involve camping for multiple evenings at a time and working in extreme conditions and remote settings. We are looking for an individual who is independent, detail-oriented, and motivated to take instructions and set their own schedule but also flexible to handle the unexpected obstacles that come with field work.

SKILLS, ABILITIES, KNOWLEDGE NEEDED (EDUCATION; UNDERGRAD/GRAD LEVEL,

SUGGESTED/REQUIRED MAJORS):

Applicants must be currently enrolled in an accredited university or college program. This includes all public, private, community, vo-tech, and Native American institutions of higher learning. Preference will be given to those individuals enrolled in a program with wildlife biology, wildlife management, ecology, zoology, or a closely related field.

Field experience is not a requirement, but preference will be given to applicants with prior field experience that included data collection and entry. Applicants must have the ability to learn and retain new field skills quickly. Preference will be given to applicants with genuine enthusiasm, interest in learning new techniques, and those working towards a career in wildlife biology or a related field. Good map reading and orientation skills are a plus. Applicants should be able to follow oral and written directions accurately, be organized, and work well independently and with other biologists or volunteers. Social skills will be required to interact with private landowners and coordinate with other agencies.

Applicants must be physically fit and able to hike long distances while carrying equipment. Field conditions will include adverse weather, biting insects, and long hours. Applicants with a demonstrated ability to handle these types of conditions will be given preference. Overnight camping will be required periodically and applicants should provide their own personal camping gear. Applicants must hold a valid driver's license.

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

Please provide a letter of interest, resume, copy of transcripts, and 3 professional references with phone numbers and email addresses, *as one document titled with your name*, to Brandi Skone at bskone@mt.gov. The letter of interest should address why the applicant wants to work with Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks, as well as what skills they already possess that could add to this internship.

For more information regarding this position, please contact Brandi Skone at bskone@mt.gov and 406-234-0948.

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

Housing may be provided in Miles City in the form of a trailer at a nearby RV campground. The campground will include full hook-ups (water, sewage and electric) and internet.