

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: Billings Area Summer Intern

OF POSITIONS: 1

LOCATION(S): Billings, MT

WORK START/END DATES: Approximately June 28th, 2021 to August 27th, 2021 (flexible start/end dates)

HOURS/WEEK: 40 hrs/week; 320 hours total internship

TRAINING/ORIENTATION DATES: June 2021 upon hire

COMPENSATION (PAY, PER DIEM, HOUSING, VEHICLE, ETC): \$13.00/hour

POSITION DESCRIPTION: Fisheries fieldworker in the Billings area (Yellowstone, Musselshell, and Bighorn drainages) and Pryor Mountains with potential to work in the Absaroka-Beartooth (A-B) Wilderness, Crazy Mountains, and the upper Yellowstone River. 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 in Region 5. 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. Minimum GPA of 3.00 is preferred in a major such as

Biology, Fish and Wildlife, Outdoor Recreation, or Environmental Science. Must be able to hike long distances over uneven ground with gear and packs that may exceed 60 pounds in diverse (and sometimes inclement) weather conditions. Knowledge of camping and backpacking, prairie fish identification, and the ability to read and interpret maps is a plus.

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

1. Recent academic transcript (unofficial)
2. Cover letter (include why you would like this position, how it relates to your professional goals, and any experience with fieldwork, data collection, and fish identification)
3. Resume with at least 2 professional and/or academic references

Please send application materials to Shannon Blackburn via email listed above (preferred) or postal service.

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 problems project, or independent study. An internship with Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks provides experience working for a state management agency and could help toward a career in fisheries or wildlife management. Camping and backpacking gear provided.