UDWR Regional Aquatic Interns

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Utah Division of Wildlife Resources Aquatic Regional Intern (2 Positions)

Description

The goal of the internship program is to give undergraduate students a broad exposure to the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources (Division) and illustrate the many career possibilities available through the agency. This position is designed to provide a variety of field and office experience related to fisheries, herpetology, malacology, and resource management. As an Aquatics Intern, you will gain an extensive understanding of how the state wildlife agency operates, as well as, gain knowledge about a number of Aquatics fieldwork techniques and their applications in a career-oriented setting. Two positions will be available in Ogden, Utah with the Division Northern Region Aquatics Section.

Examples of Duties

Successful applicants will assist with:

- Surveying for native mollusks
- Snorkeling for mussels in various environmental conditions (e.g., varying temperatures and depths, turbid water, etc.)
- Conducting presence/absence surveys in remote locations for both aquatic and terrestrial snail species
- Quadrat sampling for springsnails
- Surveying for native amphibian species
- Mark/recapture surveys
- Opportunistic visual encounter surveys
- Annual monitoring of native fish species
- Trap netting, electrofishing surveys
- Annual monitoring of sportfish species
- Various netting types, electrofishing
- Stocking and monitoring of fisheries
- Implementing habitat improvement projects
- Assist with fish aging
  - Preparation of aging structures
- Maintenance of equipment and facilities

Qualifications

Applicants must be current undergraduate students in a degree program in the Quinney College of Natural Resources. Applicants must have a general knowledge of aquatics management and the aquatic species of Utah. They should also have the ability to operate or learn to operate office, laboratory, and field equipment, including loading and/or towing trailers safely and effectively. A valid driver's license is required.

Successful applicants should be able to:

- Carry or lift 50+ pounds multiple times per day.
- Work in unfavorable conditions (e.g., various terrains, elevations, weather elements, etc.).
- Be able to hike greater than 2+ miles on any given day.
- Work long and varied hours, with overnight travel to be expected.

Credit/Honors

Interns may, as an option, enroll for up to 2 credits; points are also available for Honors students. Students taking credit or Honors points will work with an Academic mentor and be given mutually-agreed upon academic assignments to complete during their internship. Also, research opportunities are available.

Salary: $12.13 - 12.87/hour depending upon experience

Location: Ogden, Utah

Number of Openings: 2

Closing Date: applications will be accepted until March 4, 2022

Employment Dates: flexible; not to exceed 12 weeks between early May and end of Aug
How to Apply: Please complete the 2-step application process.
1. Apply to the QCNR summer internship program HERE.
2. Submit application documents to UDWR HERE.

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