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Description

The goal of the internship program is to give undergraduate students a broad exposure to the Utah Department of Natural Resources/Division of Wildlife Resources and the Utah Rare Insect Program. The goal is to gain understanding of native pollinator conservation, insect monitoring methods, rare insect and plant community record keeping (database skills), as well as gain exposure to many of the natural resource

efforts in which the State of Utah is involved. The Utah Rare Insect Program will provide a variety of field and office experiences working with rare insects including surveys, monitoring and reproductive biology, and pollination ecology as well as networking opportunities with professionals. There is one internship under the supervision of the Rare Insect Conservation Coordinator, based out of Salt Lake City.

Duties

Conduct field and office work in rare insects, and plant-pollinator ecology. Specific duties may include, but are not limited to:

- Field data collection on rare and common pollinators
- Assisting Rare Insect Conservation Coordinator with public information events and activities.
- Assisting with data compilation, data entry, distribution mapping, and other office related tasks

Work with the Rare Insect Conservation Coordinator and partners to gain a broad understanding of the Rare Insect Program and the state agency as a whole. This may include:

- Reviewing management plans, conservation rankings, conservation strategies, and conservation actions.
- Attending a Monarch Conservation Team meeting.
- Assisting with training of bumble bee survey techniques.
- Networking with Division and other agency employees.

Provide an internship project report highlighting your experiences and suggesting ways to improve the internship program.

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 entomology and ideally also botany of Utah and be comfortable with conservation outreach. Must have the ability to learn new skills rapidly and effectively as well as take instruction and conduct field or office work as directed. Experience with MS Office products (particularly Excel and Access) and ArcGIS is particularly helpful. A valid driver's license is required. Successful applicants will be expected to work under difficult field conditions for extended periods of time.

Salary: \$12.50

Location: Base of operations in Salt Lake City.

Number of Openings: 1

Closing Date: Applications will be accepted until 26 March 2021

Employment Dates: Flexible; not to exceed 12 weeks between early May and the end of August

How to Apply: Please send a resume and cover letter to Amanda Barth at abarth@utah.gov (subject line: QCNR summer employment)

For more information contact:

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