Utah Department of Natural Resources - Rare Plant Program (1 Position)

Description

The goal of the internship program is to give undergraduate students a broad exposure to the Utah Department of Natural Resources, the Utah Rare Plant Program and the Species Recovery Office. The goal is to gain understanding of rare plant conservation, plant monitoring methods, rare plant record keeping (database skills), as well as show the many natural resource efforts in which the State of Utah is involved. The Utah Rare Plant Program will provide a variety of field and office experiences working with rare plants 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 Plant Conservation Coordinator, based out of Salt Lake City.

Duties

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

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

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

- Reviewing management plans, conservation rankings, conservation strategies, and conservation actions
- Attending a Penstemon Conservation Team meeting.
- Networking with Division 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 botany of Utah and general comfort 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 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: $11.49 - $12.24 depending on experience

Location: Base of operations in Salt Lake City.

Number of Openings: 1

Closing Date: Applications will be accepted until 29 February 2020

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

How to Apply: Please send a resume and cover letter to Mindy Wheeler at mindywheeler@utah.gov (subject line: QCNR summer employment)

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