

Wildlife Biology Intern

The National Park Service is conducting inventory and monitoring surveys for several wildlife species in the Santa Monica Mountains. Projects will assess the effects of habitat fragmentation/urban encroachment on diversity and abundance of reptiles and amphibians, small mammals, and habitat usages and diet of large and medium carnivores (mountain lions, coyotes and bobcats).

Major Duties: (You will learn how to)

- Handle reptiles, amphibians, invertebrates, small mammals through pitfall trapping.
- Maintain and construct new pitfall arrays.
- Live trap small mammals.
- Conduct stream surveys for breeding amphibians and invasive aquatic species (seasonal).

Requirements

- Must be a US citizen or permanent resident of the United States
- College students and recent graduates are eligible.
- Educational interest and experience in Biology, Ecology or Environmental Studies.
- Knowledge of Excel and Access is helpful.
- Ability to work well both independently and as part of a team, be detail-oriented and organized.
- Good oral and written communication skills and ability to follow oral or written directions.
- Valid driver's license is required.
- Must have own transportation to and from worksite. Government vehicles are available for intern use within the scope of their internship.
- Background check and/or fingerprint check may be required.

Work Site and Conditions:

- Substantial amounts of walking in rough terrain such as dense chaparral or streams.
- Commitment of 12 to 16 weeks, full time is preferred. Weekday work schedule, although specific schedules may vary.

Compensation

- A stipend of \$20 per workday is usually available.
- Intern will be paid monthly or as worked out by the intern supervisor.
- Full time interns from outside the area may be eligible for shared housing.

To apply, send letter of application (include how position will benefit your career, your available dates, your understanding that this internship is unpaid except for the stipend, and that you have your own vehicle for transportation to and from work), resume, three reference contacts, and unofficial transcript via email to sheila_braden@nps.gov (rev. 08/10)