

Position Title: Student Conservation Association Internships

Sponsor: Student Conservation Association (SCA)

Locations: Across the country

Employment Dates: Internships can last as long as six to twelve months (long term) or as short as three months (short term).

Position Description:

The majority of SCA Conservation Internships are individual positions in which the intern serves as an extension of the agency staff, although occasionally two or more SCA interns may work together on a project. This valuable field experience, coupled with the interactions with veteran agency experts, offers extraordinary benefits especially for those considering a career in conservation.

A number of internships are available through SCA. Descriptions of individual internships can be found by searching the SCA website at http://www.thesca.org/con_int.cfm. Click on "Select the best position for you" and search by any keyword you like.

Position Qualifications:

Conservation Interns must be over age 18 and a high school graduate. You need not be a natural science major, but it may be helpful in some positions.

Compensation:

Living allowances differ based on the length of your internship and varies slightly based on location. The living allowances are intended to cover basic food needs during the internship. Additional funds would be required for other activities. Travel expenses, housing, and professional training are benefits available regardless of internship length. Housing may range from an apartment or trailer to a bunkhouse or a tent camp. Men and women may share housing units. Most housing units cannot accept pets.

Through an agreement with the Corporation for National and Community Service, most SCA interns are eligible for AmeriCorps Education Awards. An eligible individual who completes a minimum 10-week position will be credited \$945; 12-week position \$1,180; six month position \$2,363; twelve month position \$4,725. These funds are placed in a trust account in the intern's name and can be drawn upon to pay tuition or repay college loans. Those who choose to receive an education award will be considered AmeriCorps members for this purpose. All other intern benefits remain the same. For general information about AmeriCorps Education Awards, feel free to contact the Corporation for National Service at (888) 507-5962, or visit www.cns.gov. Only U.S. citizens and legal residents are eligible for this award.

SCA accident insurance will cover medical treatment for injuries when an intern has no other medical insurance, or to supplement existing medical coverage. Medical insurance coverage is made available to all SCA interns. For six-12 month internships, 10-month residential and 10-month non-residential positions, full coverage is offered

without cost. For 12-16 week positions basic and limited coverage is offered for a small fee.

Many SCA Interns obtain academic or internship credit for the field experience and hands-on education they receive during their position. Many participants who currently are enrolled in a university make arrangements with the appropriate faculty members at their own schools.

Additionally, interns may earn up to 12 graded-undergraduate credits from the Department of Natural Resources, Recreation, and Tourism. This is made possible through a cooperative relationship between SCA and Colorado State University. Once selected for a position, interns receive more detailed information on this program.

Application Information:

You may apply for an internship offered by SCA in one of three ways:

- 1) Register and complete an online application and submit your information quickly and easily using the Internet, or
- 2) Submit a short inquiry form that will enable you to download the appropriate application materials and mail them to SCA, or
- 3) Submit a short inquiry form that will enable you request printed materials be sent to you via regular mail.

Please note that for your application to be complete, it must include the required reference forms.

Visit: http://www.thesca.org/ci_apply.cfm for more application information.

Application Deadlines:

Applications must be received by:

- ✧ **September 15**, for positions beginning Nov. 1-Dec.31.
- ✧ **November 15**, for positions beginning Jan. 1-Feb.29.
- ✧ **January 15**, for positions beginning Mar. 1-Apr.30.
- ✧ **March 1**, for positions beginning May 1-Jul.31.
- ✧ **June 1**, for positions beginning Aug. 1-Sept.31.

Application Tips:

You can significantly increase your chances of being selected for an internship by indicating an interest in interpretation and visitor services positions. (You can select this option within your application.)

If you are applying for a summer position, you can give yourself an extra chance of being selected by submitting your completed application prior to **February 1** rather than the regular "apply by" date of March 1. Many sites want to see applications early; so, if your application is complete by February 1, and one or more of your four choices is a site that has requested early applications, you will be considered for early selection.

General Internship Information:

http://www.thesca.org/con_int.cfm

Position Title: SEEDS Program Intern

Sponsor: Ecological Society of America

Location: Silver Spring, MD

Employment Dates: Fall September 1 - December 1
 Spring February 1 - May 1
 Summer June 1 - September 1

Starting and ending dates are flexible. Please indicate your availability when applying.

Position Description:

The SEEDS Program Intern will work with a variety of aspects of the Strategies for Ecology Education, Development and Sustainability (SEEDS) Program, which serves to increase the number of underrepresented minorities in the field of ecology.

Responsibilities may include assisting with the development of a network of ecology chapters at minority-serving institutions, identifying summer research experiences to link minority institutions with research ecologists, preparing Annual Meeting travel awards, fieldtrip planning, disseminating information to potential SEEDS participants, and helping to maintain the SEEDS website. Activities will depend upon the ability and interest of each intern and the need of ESA.

Position Qualifications:

College undergraduates and recent college graduates are welcome to apply. Interests and background may include: ecology, biology, education and minority programs. The internships require a high degree of motivation, initiative, maturity, and responsibility. Experience in web design and the ability to conceptually organize information, text and graphics a plus.

Compensation:

For a three-month commitment, ESA will offer a \$2,000 stipend.

The Ecological Society of America will cooperate with universities/colleges that offer credit for intern programs. However, it is the student's responsibility to make all the arrangements for receiving academic credit.

Application Information:

Please send a cover letter, resume, and three professional/academic references. Only candidates selected for an interview will be contacted. Finalists will be interviewed in person or by phone.

Please send completed applications to:

Internship Coordinator
Education Office
Ecological Society of America
1400 Spring Street, Suite 330
Silver Spring, MD 20910-2749

Fax 301-588-4693
education@esa.org*

*If sending via email, please write "SEEDS Program Internship Application" in the subject box of the message.

Application Deadlines:

Applications for the summer internship must be postmarked by **May 15**.

Applications for the fall internship must be postmarked by **August 15**.

Applications for the spring internship must be postmarked by **January 15**.

General Internship Information:

<http://www.esa.org/education/internship.htm>

Position Title: Stream Watch Intern (Woody Sprague Internship)

Sponsor: Delaware Nature Society

Location: Ashland Nature Center, Hockessin, DE

Employment Dates: From September through May, the intern must complete a minimum of 200 hours. This position begins September 1, or when filled.

Program Background:

The Nature Society's Stream Watch Program was created in 1985, in partnership with the Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control (DNREC). A grassroots volunteer water resource education and monitoring program, Stream Watch helps to educate individuals, families, scout and school groups about stream ecology, the threats to stream health, and their individual role in protecting water quality.

Introductory training workshops provide a hands-on stream monitoring experience through the use of three basic survey methods. Workshop participants then utilize these skills by adopting a stream, monitoring it on a regular basis, and submitting data sheets to the Nature Society and DNREC. To date, the Nature Society has facilitated the adoption of 179 stream segments throughout the state.

The Woody Sprague internship was created from donations given to the Delaware Nature Society in memory of Forrest "Woody" Sprague. Woody was an entomology student at the University of Delaware who died tragically in 1995 when his car slipped off an icy mountain road while he and a friend were camping at Mt. Estes. He was passionate lover of nature, and exhibited all the qualities of a young leader determined to make a difference in protecting the environment. His was a familiar face at the Delaware Nature Society, and though Woody is sorely missed, we remember him fondly. By providing opportunities such as this one to students who demonstrate the same qualities of leadership, intelligence, enthusiasm, and promise, we honor Woody's memory and keep alive his commitment to the natural world.

Position Description:

School groups comprise an important part of the Stream Watch program, and almost 30 schools in New Castle County have adopted sites. The Woody Internship is designed to train new school groups through Stream Adoption workshops and provide support in the form of "refresher workshops" to schools who are already enrolled in the Program.

Responsibilities:

- ✧ Attend 12 hours of training to be provided by Stream Watch program staff
- ✧ Teach 10 to 15 Stream Ecology Field Studies for elementary and middle school groups or Stream Watch Workshops for high school groups.
- ✧ Provide instruction to student groups from ~12 area schools in Stream Adoption procedures.
- ✧ Guide students through one on-site survey at the location they have adopted. (2 hours per session)

- ✧ Provide 30 high schools who have already adopted and taken the above program additional support in the form of a refresher workshop to brush up on techniques. (1 to 2 hours per workshop)
- ✧ Provide administrative support as needed, including mailings, follow- up phone calls and scheduling on-site sessions and refresher workshops.
- ✧ Promote the Stream Adoption program at select events as needed.

Position Qualifications:

Applicants must be a college student living in vicinity of New Castle County with access to own transportation. They must possess a high degree of initiative, excellent communication and teaching skills, demonstrated leadership capabilities, strong interpersonal skills, and a commitment to the environment and protection of natural resources. Interns are selected on the basis of these qualities. Because Woody was an entomology major with a concentration in wildlife conservation at the University of Delaware, students who are wildlife conservation or entomology majors are especially encouraged to apply. Students majoring in other program areas, such as earth science, biology, agricultural science, geology, chemistry, natural resources management, or secondary education are also eligible for candidacy.

Compensation:

Internships require a minimum of 200 hours to be fulfilled during the months of September - May. A stipend of \$1,000 is available.

Application Information:

Please submit:

- ✧ Letter of interest
- ✧ Current resume
- ✧ Three references

To:

Ginger North, Stream Adoption Coordinator
P.O. Box 700
Hockessin, DE 19707

Information may also be faxed to (302) 239-2473 or emailed to ginger@dnsashland.org.

Application Deadlines:

Applications are accepted year round.

General Internship Information:

<http://www.delawarenaturesociety.org/jobs-volun-interns/interns-streamwat-ed.htm>

Position Title: GeoCorps America™ Program

Sponsor: GeoCorps America™, The Geological Society of America (GSA)

Location: National public lands (Park Service and Forest Service)

Employment Dates: Summer Internships last 10-12 weeks.

Background Information:

The need for geoscience expertise on America's public lands is great. Geoscience is not adequately addressed on public lands in interpretation programs, resource management, geological hazards mitigation, and research. For example, the National Park Service manages 80.7 million acres across the country, but only employs approximately 20 geologists. The National Forest Service employs 172 geologists nationwide to manage 191 million acres of land.

The GeoCorps America Program began as the Summer Internship Program in 1997 with a partnership between GSA and the National Park Service. GSA placed college-level geology students in internships with the National Park Service through the Geoscientist-In-the-Parks Program. Since its founding in 1997, the GSA Summer Internship Program has been redesigned and expanded. The program was renamed the GeoCorps America™ Program in 2000. In the years that the program has existed, the number of geoscientists placed in temporary positions has steadily increased. In 1997, GSA placed only two participants in national parks. In 2002, 34 participants were placed in national parks and forests.

The goals of the program are to:

- increase the number of geoscientists researching, working, and educating on America's public lands;
- enhance resource managers' and policy makers' geoscience knowledge, so that better decisions will be made regarding the management of natural resources and mitigation of geological hazards;
- provide hands-on experience for students who are working toward careers in industry, academia, or government;
- raise the public's knowledge and awareness of the value of geoscience resources on public lands;
- instill a public service ethic in current and future generations of geoscientists; and
- offer geoscientists the opportunity to share their knowledge and learn new skills.

Position Description:

Through the GeoCorps America Program, GSA places all levels of geoscientists — college students, professionals, and retirees — in temporary summer positions with the National Park Service and USDA Forest Service. Park and forest managers propose to GSA projects in research, resource management, and interpretation and education that require geoscience expertise. GSA recruits and screens applicants and fits qualified candidates with projects. Participants receive a stipend and housing (or housing allowance) during their assignment.

Examples of GeoCorps America projects are:

- Excavate and prepare fossil specimens at Florissant Fossil Beds National Monument
- Research, develop, and present interpretive programs on barrier island and coastal geology at Assateague Island National Seashore
- Conduct stream surveys and watershed assessments in Eldorado National Forest
- Monitor the Muldrow Glacier in Denali National Park and Preserve
- Assess soil compaction, trail conditions, and erosion and sedimentation in Inyo National Forest
- Prepare and present hands-on field activities for elementary and middle school students in Rocky Mountain National Park

Eligibility Requirements:

- ✧ Participants must be members of GSA
- ✧ All levels of geoscience professionals and college students are eligible
- ✧ Positions are available in a variety of geoscience fields
- ✧ Participants are chosen through a competitive selection process
- ✧ Initial applicant screening is done by a selection committee, who selects the finalists
- ✧ Finalists are screened, interviewed, and selected by supervisors who will manage the position

Compensation:

Each participant will receive:

- ✧ \$2,500 stipend (2003)
- ✧ Housing or housing allowance

Application Information:

In late fall/early winter, GeoCorps positions for the following summer are posted at:

http://rock.geosociety.org/g_corps/allJobDescriptions.asp

You are strongly encouraged to apply online through GSA at:

http://rock.geosociety.org/g_corps/start.asp

Applications can be sent through the mail to:

Elaine Hassinger
GSA – GeoCorps Application
3300 Penrose Place
Boulder, CO 80301

For more information, contact Elaine Hassinger, GSA, at ehassinger@geosociety.org or 303-357-1005.

Application Deadline:

The deadline for applications is on or about *February 7*.

General Internship Information:

<http://www.geosociety.org/geocorps/>