

Alaska U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service  
**2011 Student Employment Program**  
***Intern Request Form***

*Please Complete all information listed in BLUE*

Anchorage Fish and Wildlife Field Office

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**FWS Office**

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## Housing/Travel

NO

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**Does the internship location require the intern to have his own vehicle to get to work?**

Bus

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**What kind of public transportation is available in the area?**

YES

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**Will you or another FWS staff be able to pick up the intern at the airport if needed?**

ANC-Anchorage

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**Nearest airport to the internship location**

Yes

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**Will your office be able to provide housing for your intern?**

Housing Description:

An apartment will be available for housing while in Anchorage during the initial training weeks and at other times throughout the summer. All projects are located in a field environment and have associated campsites and amenities. Each intern will have their own tent located with a field campsite.

## Required Training

*Check all the apply to this position*

★	IT Security Training, QuickTime, General USFWS Overview
X	Bear Safety
X	Firearms
X	Boat Safety and Operation
X	Aircraft Safety( required for travel in government float planes
X	CPR and wilderness first aid
X	ATV Training
X	Site/Job Specific (please describe): EXAMPLES: fisheries sampling methods

## Intern Position Description

Biological Science Technician

GS-03, 04, 05, 06,07

**Position Title**

**GS or WG and what level?**

### **DUTIES**

*Please note the duties the intern will be performing*

As a **Biological Science Technician** you will:

- Assemble basic information on fish and wildlife populations and their habitat
- Capture and handle fish and wildlife using appropriate techniques for study, measurement or sampling
- Operate and maintain a variety of scientific field sampling equipment
- Work and travel safely and effectively in difficult environmental conditions and in bear country

### **EDUCATION LEVEL, SKILL, INTERESTS**

*Please note specific skills, competencies, interests, classes selected, or other qualifications that would be useful for an intern to have in order to make a significant contribution on this project.*

This position requires **greater maturity** and **emotional resources** than positions that are solely office based. Field work is difficult with biting bugs and **strenuous working conditions** in remote environments with one other person. It is essential that the intern be **enthusiastic** and willing to **learn new skills** both scientific and outdoor oriented. The intern should also have exacting attention to detail for required data collection and management.

## **WORK CONDITIONS, CLOTHING GEAR**

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*Describe the work conditions (hours, dress code, environment/setting) and appropriate clothing/gear that the prospective intern should be aware of*

Fishery projects will occur in remote field locations from Bristol Bay to Matanuska Susitna Basin. Applicants should be able to work in locations with limited communication to the outside world.

The intern will be expected to work 40 hours per week and 8 hour OT, the office is casual and there is no uniform. The intern should bring field clothes that they are comfortable getting dirty. They should bring their own rain gear (jacket and pants). It is also recommended that the intern bring clothes, such that he/she can dress in layers. The temperature in Alaska from May to August ranges from 35 – 70 degrees (F) and weather can change dramatically within a day, with changes in altitude and across the state. Thus, the ability to add and remove clothes based on weather conditions is important. There are places to buy outdoor gear in Anchorage.

Cotton clothing is not recommended for field work, but is fine for Anchorage-based duties. Cotton gets wet and if it is next to the skin can rapidly remove warmth from the body. Synthetic fibers such as polypropylene, capilene, polar fleece, etc. are preferred. Wool is a good natural fiber as it keeps it's "warmth" even when wet.

Also, the intern should bring, gloves, a warm hat, a baseball cap, sunglasses, hiking boots, comfortable loose clothing since the job entails being outside and strenuous hiking. Headlamp, flashlight or small battery operated reading light, and a calling card or cell phone.

FWS to Provide: Hip waders, mosquito jackets and headnets, any equipment needed in the field, such as backpacks, field vest, sleeping bags, cook stoves, binoculars etc.