Science Communication Internships

May 2017 - March 2018

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is looking for two communication interns for our Fisheries & Aquatic Connectivity and Ecological Services programs. These 10-month paid positions will be located at our regional office in Hadley, Massachusetts. We are a federal agency dedicated to the conservation of fish, wildlife, plants and their habitats.

The interns will join our creative communications team, which provides storytelling and communication support for fisheries conservation, river restoration, private lands conservation, endangered species and other work taking place in our 13-state northeast region.

We seek recent college graduates with education and/or experience in journalism, mass communication, public relations/marketing, or creative writing, and an interest in wildlife and environmental conservation.

Is this internship for you?
These internships are designed to be a career stepping stone for undergraduate upperclassmen, recent graduates and graduate students, or young professionals. The interns will be responsible for:

- Developing content for stories about fisheries and wildlife conservation and habitat restoration
- Writing for and posting to websites and social media
- Complementing stories with multimedia
- Tracking milestones and project progress

There will also be opportunities to learn about strategic communications planning, news media relations and event planning.

We're looking for the following knowledge, skills and abilities in prospective interns:

- Strong writing skills to support media relations and feature-style storytelling (check out our blog at usfwsnortheast.wordpress.com)
- Self-starter mentality for independent project work and active participation as part of a creative team
- Ability to multi-task in an often fast-paced environment
- Confidence representing the team in meeting with biologists and program managers, conducting interviews and developing stories in the field, and initiating phone and email inquiries for story research
- Experience/aptitude for developing multimedia products, such as photo, video and graphics, to complement written pieces
- Interest in learning more about a career in public service at the federal level

Benefits and requirements
Each intern will be paid a $315/week housing and commuting stipend through the Student Conservation Association. Interns will travel occasionally within the region, sometimes working outdoors. A valid driver’s license and background check will be required.

For more information
Contact Meagan Racey by mid-April, meagan_racey@fws.gov

Learn more
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in the northeast - www.fws.gov/northeast
Student Conservation Association - www.thesca.org