**CONSERVATION FELLOWS**

**NEW OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE: GAIN PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE AND EXPLORE CAREERS IN NATURAL RESOURCES!**

MCC’s Conservation Fellows (CF) program makes a measurable difference in conservation and climate change efforts while preparing individuals to attain meaningful natural resource careers. The program is designed specifically for young adults to gain a better understanding of potential natural resource career opportunities while building necessary skillsets to move forward in careers that combat climate change, improve watersheds and positively impact communities through sustainability initiatives.Projects include: climate resiliency initiatives, wildlife and fisheries habitat restoration, rangeland science/botany, soil science/health, forestry, invasive species treatment, recreation management, ArcGIS mapping, stream and wetland restoration, cave and karst feature surveys, conservation education and outreach, volunteer management and more.

**Along with serving their communities, CFs make tangible contributions to climate change solutions while developing professional skills that directly transfer to a career in the natural resources field.**

**Term Dates:** 6/6/22 – 10/14/22

**Location:** Varies based on host site placement

**Application Deadline:** Applications accepted on a rolling basis

**APPLY HERE:** <https://www.mtcorps.org/joinmcc/individual-placement-programs/conservation-interns-and-fellows.html>

**Living Stipend:** $635 bi-weekly before taxes

**AmeriCorps Education Award:** $2,417 upon successful completion of the program

**Health Insurance:** Provided at no cost

**Member Assistance Program:** Free 24/7 access to confidential mental health counseling, medical advocacy, financial assistance, life coaching and more

**Public Lands Service Corps Hiring Preference:** Members serving with federal land management agencies may be eligible to receive hiring preference for future federal job placement

Please contact staff at ipprograms@mtcorps.org or 406-587-4475 with any questions.

**QUALIFICATIONS:**

* Minimum age of 17
* Recent college graduate preferred (can graduate in May of 2022)
* Available for duration of entire term of service; commitment to completing term
* US Citizenship or lawful permanent US Resident
* Ability to pass a National Service Criminal History Check
* Strong desire to serve the community and the environment
* Ability to meet the physical demands of the position, as determined by the host site and MCC
* Ability to provide personal transportation to worksites, housing, and trainings

**PROGRAMMATIC DUTIES:**

* Accomplish project goals to the standards and satisfaction of MCC and host site supervisors/partners
* Represent MCC and AmeriCorps by adhering to all policies and procedures and working in a safe manner
* Demonstrate initiative to complete projects and assignments accurately with minimal supervision
* Attend at least one public meeting and volunteer at least once with a local non-profit or agency outside of MCC and host site organization
* Promote a positive public image for MCC and host site by acting in a professional and respectful manner at all times
* Exhibit a strong work ethic and positive service ethic throughout the term of service

**REPORTING DUTIES:**

* Maintain accurate records and paperwork as requested by host site and MCC
* Complete and submit required reports and other paperwork to host site and MCC in a timely manner

The Conservation Fellow works under the supervision of Montana Conservation Corps staff and host site supervisors to complete MCC and partner projects. Primary responsibilities of the position will be determined by individual host sites in collaboration with MCC, and will include assuring the successful completion of natural resource projects, delivery of MCC program components, and maintaining a positive working relationship with host sites, MCC, and the public. CFs are required to participate in all elements of the MCC program to the best of their ability, meet AmeriCorps requirements, and be enrolled as an AmeriCorps member for the duration of the program. Conservation Fellows are responsible for keeping host site supervisors and MCC staff informed through bi-weekly paperwork.

*MCC seeks to provide access and opportunity to a diverse group of staff and participants, while continuing to identify and reduce barriers to being involved in our organization and programs.  We encourage applicants of all backgrounds to apply.*

*While this position description describes the general nature and level of work being performed by people assigned to this position, it is not an exhaustive list of all responsibilities, duties, and skills required. All Montana Conservation Corps positions may be required to perform duties outside of their normal responsibilities.*

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