



Resource Management Career Immersion Internship

Position: Fisheries Management Intern

This intern will gain hands-on experience with the professional staff of the Forest Preserve of Cook County's fisheries section. Tasks include the everyday management of the Forest Preserves' 40 fishing lakes and other water bodies. Candidates must be hard-working and open-minded, with a passion for the conservational aspects of not only fisheries biology, but also general biology and the recreational aspects of fishing. Work location: McGinnis Field Station (Orland Park, IL). **Personal vehicle required to access the station (not near public transportation).** This position will involve mostly outdoor work with limited time spent inside; all staff and interns are required to follow COVID safety protocols given by the Forest Preserves of Cook County, Friends of the Forest Preserves, and all relevant government agencies. Please contact Alex Horvath at jobs@fotfp.org if you would like the full list of safety protocols.

Duties:

- Handle fish sampling equipment, including but not limited to: dip nets, gill nets, trap nets, etc.
- Handle both live and dead fish specimens, as well as other types of wildlife
- Assist with the maintenance of Fisheries section equipment, facilities, and grounds
- May perform any and all duties of the Fisheries Technician as required or other assigned duties
- Speak publicly and present information on Forest Preserve Fisheries work to the public
- Assist with basic water chemistry analysis
- Data entry and office duties as needed
- Ability to work evenings and weekends

Qualifications:

- Must be at least 18 years of age; must possess a current valid driver's license
- Ability to work outdoors and in inclement weather. Must be comfortable around water.
- This position occasionally requires exposure to potentially hazardous work environment and the physical ability to perform various types of physical exertion, including, but not limited to: lifting, pulling, pushing, and moving moderate to heavy weight (50 lbs.)
- Relevant educational background, including, but not limited to, general biology or science related course work
- Basic knowledge of current conservation practices as it applies to fish and aquatic vegetation
- Working knowledge of Microsoft office products including excel spreadsheets
- All employees are required to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19.

Benefits:

- \$15.25/hr (30hrs/week) 12 Weeks
- Excellent networking and environmental enrichment opportunities

Application Info

Application Deadline: February 18th, 2022

How to Apply: Send cover letter and resume to Alex Horvath at jobs@fotfp.org; please make sure to include your cover letter and resume in a single document labeled with your last name and the words "fishery internship".

Example: Smith_fishery_internship

Program Timeframe: May 16th or 23rd – September 5th or 12th (Depending on start date)
12 weeks 30 hrs/week

Internship Partners Information: www.fpdcc.com and www.fotfp.org