



Careers in Conservation Intern Program (CCIP)

Conservation Education

Hosted by
Mitchell Lake Audubon Center

Careers in Conservation (CCIP) is a paid intern program that gives underrepresented college students an opportunity to work in the field of conservation education and gain practical experience as conservation educators at a fully operational Audubon Texas bird and wildlife sanctuary. CCIP is held at the Mitchell Lake Audubon Center (MLAC) in San Antonio. This facility is located on a 1,200-acre natural area consisting of a 600-acre lake and 600 acres of wetlands, ponds and uplands. MLAC conducts outdoor conservation education programs for over 3,500 elementary and secondary school students on an annual basis.

In partnership with The University of Texas at Brownsville (UTB), University of Texas San Antonio (UTSA), Texas A&M University, Alamo Community Colleges, and Trinity University, 2 undergraduate students will be selected to participate in an 11 -week internship.

The interns assist in the design and implementation of conservation education programs for two summer science camps at the site. Each undergraduate student is assigned a few topics around which to develop education programs for the young campers. These programs provide interns an opportunity to participate in the exciting process of novel program development while also gaining practical education experience. Their contributions also provide MLAC with valuable curriculum that allows Audubon to further improve the educational opportunities for our local schoolchildren.

The interns also collaborate with graduate students and faculty from local universities currently conducting site-based research. During the internship, students meet with conservation professionals employed by city, state, and federal agencies, along with businesses and other non-governmental organizations. During these meetings, students gain valuable information and insight regarding possible career opportunities in the conservation field.

All of the interns will receive a stipend for the duration of the internship.



Careers in Conservations

Education Internship Application: Summer 2010

APPLICATION DUE APRIL 15, 2010

Please print legibly or type

Name (Last/First/Middle)	(E-mail Address)
(Mailing Address)	(Mobile Phone)
(City, State, Zip Code)	(Home Telephone)
	(Best Time To Reach)

Education

Are you a current student? Yes No

Please provide the name of the college/university you attended or are currently attending:

School name: _____ City: _____ State: _____

What was/is your major/minor? _____

How many hours will you have completed by May 2009? _____

How did you learn about the Mitchell Lake Audubon Center?

Friend College/University Brochure/Written material

Employment Profile

Please list any paid and/or volunteer work experience. Begin with your most current experience.

1) Name of current/most recent employer: _____

Supervisor's name: _____

Supervisor's phone number: _____

Job Title: _____

Please describe the nature of the work in position listed above:

Dates worked: From: _____ To: _____

This position was: Paid Volunteer

2) Name of employer: _____

Supervisor's name: _____

Supervisor's phone number: _____

Job Title: _____

Please describe the nature of the work in position listed above:

Dates worked: From: _____ To: _____

This position was: Paid Volunteer

3) Name of employer: _____

Supervisor's name: _____

Supervisor's phone number: _____

Job Title: _____

Please describe the nature of the work in position listed above:

Dates worked: From: _____ To: _____

This position was: Paid Volunteer

Short Answer

(If you need additional space to answer the following questions please attach a separate sheet and clearly mark the question number that correlates to your answer.)

- 1) Please list any clubs, activities, sports, church or other organizations in which you participate.

- 2) In 300 words or less, why do you want to participate as an Audubon Intern? What are your specific goals for the experience?

- 3) Describe your current career goals:

- 4) What do you consider to be your greatest attributes/strengths?

- 5) What do you consider your greatest personal challenges/main limitations?

Driving Experience

Would you have access to reliable transportation during this internship? Yes No

Do you have a valid driver's license? Yes No

Position Interest

Please indicate up to three positions of interest to you. You will be asked to provide additional information regarding your experience in each field. Please indicate if you have coursework or practical experience. Please explain your coursework/experience below.

	Coursework	Practical Experience
<input type="checkbox"/> Botany	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Communications/Public Relations	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Ecological Restoration	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Education	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Fisheries	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Geology	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Hydrology	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Interpretation/Visitor Contact	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Museum Curation/Library Science	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Natural History	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Natural Science	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Resource Management	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Soils	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife Management	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Please detail practical experience or related coursework:

References

Please provide contact information for at least three references. A combination of employment and academic references is highly encouraged over personal references.

Please do not submit references from family members or personal friends.

Reference 1: Name: _____ E-mail: _____

Phone Number: _____ Relationship: _____

Reference 2: Name: _____ E-mail: _____

Phone Number: _____ Relationship: _____

Reference 3: Name: _____ E-mail: _____

Phone Number: _____ Relationship: _____

Please include with your application a letter of recommendation from a professor, principal, or past/current employer. The letter can be from one of your references.

Please email your completed application to msantisteban@audubon.org or mail it to:

Michelle Santisteban, Education Manager

Mitchell Lake Audubon Center

10750 Pleasanton Road

San Antonio, TX 78221

by Friday, April 09, 2009. If you are sending by mail, your application must be post-marked no later than April 09, 2010 to be considered for eligibility.