



Careers in Conservation Intern Program (CCIP)

Research Internship

Hosted by
Mitchell Lake Audubon Center

Careers in Conservation (CCIP) is a paid intern program that gives underrepresented college and high school students an opportunity to work in the field of conservation and gain ongoing practical experience as a field biologist at a fully operational Audubon Texas bird and wildlife sanctuary. CCIP is held at the Mitchell Lake Audubon Center 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.

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 a 6.5-week internship. At the same time, 2 high school students from San Antonio's City Council District 3, 4, and 5 will participate in a 4-week internship.

The interns conduct on-the-ground research projects and assist in conservation education programs at the site. Each undergraduate student is assigned a research topic and is required to develop a working proposal that includes topic background, study justification and methodology. These studies provide students an opportunity to conduct field research while gaining practical experience. Their research also provides MLAC with valuable field data that enables Audubon and its volunteers to further manage and improve the habitat for birds and other wildlife.

The high school students assist the undergraduate students in completing their research studies, and also gain practical experience developing their own research proposal and gathering field data.

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.



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Research Internship Application Summer: 2010

APPLICATION DUE APRIL 2, 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)

Are you a United States Citizen or Permanent Resident? No Yes

Are you a Texas Resident? No Yes

Ethnicity

- African American
- Hispanic
- Multicultural ethnicity
- Pacific Islander
- Native American
- Asian (Not Pacific Islander)
- Caucasian
- Other

Education

Are you a current student? Yes No

Please provide the name of the college/university you are currently attending.

School name: _____ City: _____ State: _____

What is your major/minor? _____

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

How did you learn about Audubon?

- Friend
- College/University
- Brochure/Written material

Emergency Contact Information

Please print and list two emergency contacts in the following columns:

(Name)	(Name)
(Address)	(Address)
(City/State/Zip)	(City/State/Zip)
(Home Telephone)	(Home Telephone)
(Mobile Phone)	(Mobile Phone)
(Relationship)	(Relationship)

Employment Profile

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

1) Name of current/most recent employer: _____

Current Supervisor's name: _____

Current Supervisor's phone number: _____

Current 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 challenge/main limitation?

Driving Experience

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

2) 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"/> Cultural Resources	<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"/> Range Management	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Recreation Management	<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"/> Trail Construction	<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 or past/current employer. The letter can be from one of your references.

Please email your completed application to ipena@audubon.org or mail it to Iliana Peña, Director of Conservation Education, Audubon Texas, 11650 Foxford Dr., San Antonio, TX 78252 by Friday, April 02, 2010. If you are sending by mail, your application must have a post mark of April 02, 2010 to be considered for eligibility.