Conservation Internship Opportunity







Position: Conservation Intern

Application Deadline: February 24th, 2023, 12 pm AKST



Location: Soldotna, Alaska

Duration: Mid-May through mid-August 2023 (beginning and end dates negotiable). Possibility for extension through fall fieldwork season depending on applicant qualifications and needs of the program.

Description: The Kenai Watershed Forum (KWF) is a nonprofit organization focused on maintaining healthy watersheds by way of invasive species management, environmental education, marine debris clean-up, river restoration, water quality monitoring, and fisheries research. KWF will be hiring several interns within the following programs:

- **Invasive species:** assisting with invasive species management efforts (in both terrestrial and aquatic environments), plant ID, simple GIS mapping exercises, education/outreach, and data collection/reporting.
- **Environmental science:** water quality sampling, GIS mapping exercises, stream temperature monitoring, data logger calibration/maintenance, and data collection/reporting. Highly-motivated applicants with the ability to independently conduct GIS mapping exercises as well as fieldwork will be given preference.
- **Stream Watch**: marine and freshwater clean-up events, coordination with volunteers, fisheries habitat education, river restoration projects, angler outreach, and data collection/reporting.

<u>Qualifications</u>: Limited to undergraduate college students (sophomore or above) in good academic standing studying environmental sciences, social sciences, communications, or other related fields.

Work Environment: Intern will conduct fieldwork with KWF staff and partner agency personnel, remaining flexible in both schedule and required tasks, as some cross training may be available. Comfort while working remotely in bear country required. Fieldwork may require backcountry hiking, heavy equipment transport, and occasionally-strenuous fieldwork in adverse conditions. Traveling by 4WD truck, 4-wheeler, and/or boat required; ability to tow/back a trailer helpful. A 40 hour work week can be expected including some evening and weekend work with occasional overtime.

Benefits: Housing is provided and transportation to/from Alaska will be paid for. Vehicle will also be provided during "off" hours (shared with other interns); gas for personal activities will not be included. Intern must have valid driver's license and clean driving record.

How to Apply: To apply, please visit the intern page of our website at kenaiwatershed.org/internships. Here, you will find a link to the application form. We ask that you provide a 1-page cover letter, a resume, and three references. Applications not conforming to these requirements will not be considered. Inquiries about KWF's internship program can be directed to <u>intern@kenaiwatershed.org</u>.

The Kenai Watershed Forum is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit dedicated to maintaining the health of the watersheds on the Kenai Peninsula through education, restoration, and research programs. More information at: www.kenaiwatershed.org/internships