

Sierra Nevada Campaign Research Intern

The Sierra Club Sierra Nevada Resilient Habitats campaign works to protect the communities, wild lands and wildlife of the Sierra Nevada region.

We are seeking an intern who can work with the campaign staff in the San Francisco Bay area on scientific research a minimum of ten hours a week.

Background: The four hundred mile-long, sixty-mile wide “Range of Light” inspired John Muir to help found Sierra Club in 1892; and concerned citizens have worked for over a century to preserve Yosemite and Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks, the Giant Sequoia National Monument, Lake Tahoe and other special places.

Now, we must protect not only these special places, but the areas that connect and surround them. Ensuring the whole natural system is healthy will help the Sierra Nevada wilderness and wildlife survive in a changing world. The Sierra snowpack, on which most of California relies for its water, is being steadily reduced. If we can safeguard these natural systems, they will continue to provide us with pure drinking water, clean air, a thriving tourism economy, and an unparalleled wild heritage to pass on to future generations. The Resilient Habitats campaign seeks to protect, connect and restore the Sierra Nevada so that we can continue to enjoy a healthy environment and healthy communities.

Job Activities:

1. Develop campaign materials such as factsheets and website content.
2. Conduct a literature review on climate change impacts to the Sierra Nevada.
3. Assist in setting up meetings with scientists and other experts.
4. Reviewing campaign materials for scientific accuracy.
5. General research and writing tasks for the campaign as needed.

Knowledge and Skills:

- Undergraduate or graduate student in environmental science, ecology, biology or a related field.
- Knowledge of environmental issues, including climate change, forest conservation, water quality, wildlife and biodiversity protection.
- Strong demonstrated written and oral communication skills.
- Ability to complete projects independently, on time and of a high quality.

Internship can be tailored to interest in developing particular skills and acquiring certain experience in the areas mentioned above. This is an unpaid internship. Course credit may be possible. Assistance available for travel and skills-building opportunities.

To apply, please send letter of interest and resume to sarah.matsumoto@sierraclub.org