



California Coastal Commission

JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

GRADUATE STUDENT PROGRAM INTERN TECHNICAL SERVICES DIVISION | ECOLOGY GROUP FULL AND PART-TIME

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES IN SAN FRANCISCO

The California Coastal Commission is a State agency charged with protecting coastal resources and managing coastal development in California. The mission of the Coastal Commission is to provide for balanced use of the coastal zone and to protect, restore, and enhance coastal and marine resources for the continuing benefit of current and future generations. A Coastal Commission Technical Services Division Ecology Internship is a great opportunity to learn more about how a government agency functions and to obtain useful job experience for pursuit of a professional career in ecology, biology, restoration science, biological evaluation and monitoring, environmental consulting, environmental planning, or environmental policy.

The Position: The Coastal Commission is seeking motivated individuals to assist in projects involving coastal ecology, coastal policy, and their intersection. The position will involve directly working with Commission ecologists on projects that involve coastal ecology and biology. There is no stipend available at this time; however the position offers valuable job experience in several areas including environmentally sensitive coastal habitats and species, restoration science, wetland ecology, marine ecology, invasive species, experimental design, climate change, and renewable energy, to name a few. Several past interns have applied for and obtained external grant/scholarship funds to provide support during their internship.

Potential projects include:

- Working with staff ecologists on various development applications
- Compiling information on emerging issues such as: climate impacts including sea level rise and ocean acidification as well as climate adaptation such as living shorelines and blue carbon; marine and terrestrial invasive species; mitigation practices; sustainable aquaculture; fish passage remediation; and, habitat corridor preservation.
- Updating CCC Technical Services Division Ecology resources for analysts, including through production of:
 - Fact sheets on sensitive coastal habitats and species
 - Matrices of sensitive species vulnerabilities (e.g., season, activities)
 - Updated guidance on developing monitoring and mitigation plans
 - Collected tools and data sources to support ecological analyses

Qualifications: Knowledge of the Coastal Act, CEQA and NEPA, terrestrial and marine habitats, and some experience with experimental design, ecological restoration, and/or monitoring is desirable. Persons with the following education and/or work experience would be preferred: biological or ecological research, environmental science, biological restoration and monitoring, experimental design, or related fields. Applicants must have a bachelor's degree and be proficient using a computer. The successful candidate(s) will demonstrate strong analytical skills and the ability to research and interpret coastal natural resource issues. Strong writing and speaking skill and the ability to work as a team member is critical.

Eligibility: Graduate students in a college or university of recognized standing studying ecology, biology, environmental science, environmental planning, environmental policy, or a related field.

Requirements: Summer Internships are full-time appointments (M-F) in the San Francisco office. During the academic year, a minimum commitment of one quarter or semester, and a minimum of 16 hours per week (two or more quarters or semesters being preferred).

Deadlines: Interested students should submit a statement of interest and a resume at least one month prior to the beginning of the quarter of interest. Please feel free to contact Laurie Koteen by email or phone to discuss the internship and any questions you may have.

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