



California Coastal Commission

JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

GRADUATE STUDENT PROGRAM INTERN TECHNICAL SERVICES DIVISION | ECOLOGY GROUP FULL OR 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. 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 a grant/scholarship to provide support during their internship.

Potential projects include:

- Working with staff ecologists on reviewing and permitting various applications for coastal development projects.
- Compiling information on emerging issues such as: wind turbine impacts on birds and bats; artificial night lighting and noise impacts on wildlife; hydroacoustic disturbances to marine life; beach grooming and replenishment projects; marine invasive species; aquaculture; fish passage; living shorelines; and, climate adaptation strategies and impacts.
- Updating “Biotools”, the CCC Technical Services Division Ecology database, including through production of:
 - CCC guidance for best practices and protocols for a range of routine activities in the coastal zone, (e.g. native landscaping, pesticide/ herbicide use, bio-remediation).
 - Fact sheets on sensitive coastal habitats and species

- Schedules for sensitive species vulnerabilities relative to seasonal biology and construction activities

Qualifications: Some familiarity with the Coastal Act, CEQA and NEPA, knowledge of coastal terrestrial and marine habitats in California, and some experience with experimental design and ecological restoration and monitoring is desired. 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 student 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 are preferred.

Deadlines: Interested students should submit a statement of interest and a resume to Jonna Engel or Human Resources at least two weeks prior to the beginning of fall, winter, spring quarter or summer session. Please feel free to contact Jonna Engel by email or phone to discuss the internship and any questions you may have.

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