



DESERT WILDLIFE INTERNSHIP

Location

Pima County, Arizona (Remote)

Hourly Rate:

\$15/hour

Position:

Part-time (Independent Contractor), 10 hours per week

Open to: Students (Junior and Senior in high school through College/University level) and New/Early career professionals with less than three years of employment experience

	Spring Internship	Fall Internship
Application Period Ends:	November 15	June 15
Interview Date:	December	July
Start and End Dates:	Jan 15 – May 15	Aug 15 – Dec 15

Job Description

Interns with the Coalition for Sonoran Desert Protection (CSDP) actively contribute to meaningful conservation projects to protect wildlife and open space. They will be mentored by CSDP staff, both collaboratively and independently completing tasks. Interns are provided opportunities for specific mentorship and training in an area of interest through a chosen final project. This position offers remote work-from-home and flexible hours. Although the work is remote, we are seeking Interns based near Pima County, Arizona who can coordinate with their supervisor to occasionally exchange physical equipment,

and to have opportunities to participate in optional outdoor field work, volunteer engagement, and advocacy work.

Requirements

- Proof of full vaccination (including boosters) for Covid-19 is required for this position.

Preferred skills

- Interest in wildlife and habitat conservation
- Strong work ethic
- Detail oriented
- Ability to work independently
- Open to learning new skills
- Commitment to community building and fostering equity
- Curiosity and willingness to ask questions
- Familiarity using Microsoft Excel, Microsoft Access, or other database experience a plus
- Sonoran Desert wildlife species identification (training provided)
- Experience with wildlife camera monitoring and research (not required)

Duties and Responsibilities

Desert Wildlife Interns assist the Conservation Science Director with maintaining CSDP's wildlife camera photo database to help translate community science into tangible conservation in our Wildlife Program. Interns will gain knowledge in wildlife camera research, photo database management, image analysis software, and wildlife species identification through image analysis. They will also gain experience in data entry and basic analysis for wildlife research projects. Interns will work on a variety of habitat connectivity research projects focusing on wildlife movement and wildlife-highway interactions in Pima County, with field work as an optional component.

Wildlife Interns will complete one final project that meets a desired mentorship or skill training goal, to be chosen at the beginning of their internship. Examples of final projects include (but are not limited to): producing a written or video blog post, writing a scientific white paper, creating a GIS map or Story Map, presenting a webinar or outreach talk, completing a related class assignment using CSDP wildlife data, conducting field work, or other project that teaches a skill set

related to data analysis, field research, project management, volunteer management, policy and advocacy, science communication, outreach, or another area of interest to the intern.

About CSDP

The Coalition's mission is to protect the biodiversity of the Sonoran Desert in southern Arizona through science-based advocacy, education, and collaboration. We do this through proactive habitat conservation planning, opposing destructive projects, protecting wildlife linkages, and community science research. We are also an alliance of 31 conservation and neighborhood Member Groups, representing nearly 30,000 people, that formed in February 1998. Our office is based in Tucson, AZ in the Historic Y Building within walking distance of 4th Avenue and the University of Arizona campus. Learn more at www.sonorandesert.org.

CSDP is committed to cultivating a culture that values differences and fosters inclusion. Our volunteer, internship, and employment positions are open to all. We value diversity and do not permit any discrimination against applicants, employees, or volunteers based on race, creed, color, religion, national origin, ancestry, gender, gender identity, age, sexual orientation, citizenship, disability, neurodiversity, ethnicity, marital status, familial status, economic circumstances, and/or veteran status. We are grateful for the opportunity to live and work on traditionally Native lands, including those belonging to the O'odham, Tohono O'odham, and Pascua Yaqui.

To Apply

Send your resume or CV and a one-page cover letter to: admin@sonorandesert.org with the subject line "Internship." References requested upon interview selection.