



Internship opening: Solar-Wildlife Science Intern 2023

Organizational Overview

Wildlands Network is a nonprofit conservation organization that is committed to reconnecting, restoring and rewilding North America so that life—in all its diversity—can thrive. We have staff in the United States and Mexico working with NGO partners, landowners, elected officials and government agencies to protect, maintain and restore wildlife habitat and movement corridors. Wildlands Network is committed to recruiting, training and retaining talented diverse and creative staff who are passionate about fulfilling our mission.

Position Description

Wildlands Network uses science-based approaches to study wildlife conservation across North America since 1991. We commonly use camera trapping, GPS tracking, roadkill surveys, and develop habitat and connectivity models to identify, understand, and develop policies to improve conservation for wildlife species. Wildlands Network is launching a long-term project in the Four Corners Region of Arizona and New Mexico to study solar-wildlife interactions. We are hiring a summer science intern to conduct field surveys, collect, enter and edit data, and generate summary analytics in support of this project.

Principal responsibilities for the term-limited position will include deploying and testing survey protocols using trail cameras and other wildlife survey methods, processing camera trap data (entering data into spreadsheets/databases, backing up data, analyzing data), and surveying for pronghorn and other mammalian species in desert and grasslands ecosystems.

The ideal applicant will already reside in the Four Corners region within an easy drive to Farmington, New Mexico. Apart from any travel for field work or working directly with the Senior Wildlife Biologist, the intern will be expected to work primarily in their own residence/home office.

The position will pay \$15/hour, with an expectation of a 40 hour work week. The science intern will be supervised by the Senior Wildlife Biologist for the Western Region, also based in Farmington. The position will run from June 1 to August 15 (exact dates open to negotiation).

Desired Qualifications

1. Undergraduate science degree in wildlife biology, zoology, biology, forestry, environmental science, or closely related field.
2. Experience using hand-held GPS or phone apps for navigation and mapping tracks and waypoints.

3. Familiarity with Windows-based computing, and experience with Microsoft Word and Excel (or the Google/Mac equivalents).
4. Strong organizational skills, and a commitment to reliable, accurate, and efficient handling of scientific data.
5. Energetic self-starter, willing to work independently with (at times) minimal supervision.
6. Some experience identifying wildlife (training will be provided) and enthusiasm for quickly learning to identify additional wildlife species across the continent. Experience in remote, arid regions during summer conditions.
7. Strong curiosity about scientific approaches to wildlife conservation, and eagerness to learn more about this developing field.

Compensation: \$15/hour

Location: Farmington, New Mexico

How to Apply: Please send a resume, cover letter, and the names and contact information for two references to Dr. Aaron Facka, aaron@wildlandsnetwork.org. No phone calls please, and be sure to put “science intern application” in the subject line of your email to receive full consideration. Also, please label any file attachments with your last name, for example SmithCoverLetter.pdf.

Application Deadline: March 31, 2023 at midnight Mountain Time

Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion: Wildlands Network is committed to increasing equity, diversity, inclusion and justice in all elements of our work and with our partners to support the interconnected needs of wildlife and people in a rapidly changing world. We recruit, employ, train, compensate, and promote regardless of race, religion, creed, national origin, ancestry, sex (including pregnancy), sexual orientation, gender identity, age, physical or mental disability, citizenship, genetic information, past, current, or prospective service in the uniformed services, or any other characteristic protected under applicable federal, state, or local law. We are proud to be an equal opportunity employer. Applicants are invited to learn more about Wildlands Network’s commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion [here](#).

If you have a disability and require an accommodation or assistance with our application process, please tell us how we can help by calling us at 385-229-4849.

The requirements listed in our job descriptions are guidelines and if you have many of the qualifications listed, we encourage you to apply. We are committed to providing training and professional development opportunities to help the right candidate succeed with us. Applying gives you the opportunity to be considered.