

HOURLY POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT



POSITION TITLE: CSFS Student Intern (1 position)

LOCATION: Southwest Area, Gunnison Field Office (Gunnison, CO)

HOURLY PAY RATE: \$12.00 per hour; overtime will be made available as necessary

EMPLOYMENT DATES: May 24, 2019 through August 16, 2019

CLOSING DATE: Applications must be submitted by **11:59 pm MST on February 19, 2019.**

Description of Internship Program:

Colorado State Forest Service (CSFS) and Warner College of Natural Resources (WCNR) seasonal forester / student intern positions provide students an in-depth learning and work experience in the field of natural resources. Internships include a 15-85% split between training for the student and hourly work for CSFS, as defined below under “duties and responsibilities”. Student interns prepare several written documents to advance their professional writing skills and encourage self-reflection during the summer, and they receive one-on-one mentoring and evaluation by their CSFS supervisor.

This internship position is for the Gunnison Field Office within the CSFS Southwest Area. The internship experience will include assisting with timber sale layout and implementation through the Good Neighbor Authority Program, wildfire mitigation projects, timber cruising, greenhouse operations, and various aspects of urban and community forestry. Specific duties and responsibilities for this position are listed below. The Gunnison Field Office will provide interns with rent-free housing in a renovated camper with electricity and nearby access to a kitchen and bathroom/shower, if interested.

We are seeking student interns who are professional, self-directed, innovative, and energetic. The applicant should enjoy working with people from diverse backgrounds and respect different viewpoints. Of special interest are applicants that demonstrate a capacity to learn new skills, think critically, and serve as effective team members.

Minimum Requirements:

- Junior or Senior pursuing a degree from the Warner College of Natural Resources.
- Must have successfully completed Natural Resources Ecology and Measurements (NR220) at the CSU Mountain Campus, or successfully completed a similar course at another college/university.
- Good academic standing with Colorado State University (GPA > 2.0).
- Demonstrated career interest in forestry or related natural resource fields.
- Must have a valid driver’s license, the ability to obtain a driver’s license, or access to a licensed driver by the employment start date.
- Experience working as an effective team member.

Conditions of Employment:

- Camper-style housing and utilities are provided by the Gunnison Field Office, if interested.
- Ability and willingness to work long hours with occasional evening and weekend duties (work based on a 40 hour work week).
- Ability and willingness to perform strenuous outdoor work and carry backpacks with 25+ pounds of work and personal gear across steep terrain in potentially inclement weather conditions.
- Student might be exposed to poisonous plants, biting stinging insects, and wildlife during field work.
- Ability to safely operate 4-wheel drive vehicles, UTVs/ATVs, and forest machinery and tools.
- Ability and willingness to tent-camp and backcountry hike, including off- and on-trail.
- Ability to provide suitable work gear, including sturdy hiking boots, rain gear, sleeping bag, and other personal items related to camping and hiking.
- Ability and willingness to travel throughout Colorado for 1-3 day-long trips to CSFS field offices, potentially requiring stays in hotels. Approved lodging and per diem expenses are covered (see [GSA CONUS rates](#) for Colorado).

Preferred Experience:

- Good written and oral communications.
- Ability to (or willingness to learn how to) operate 4-wheel drive vehicles and UTVs/ATVs in variable weather and road conditions.
- Ability to (or willingness to learn how to) operate chainsaws/misc. logging and forestry equipment.
- Experience using forestry equipment (diameter tape, loggers tape, GPS, increment borer, etc.).
- Experience identifying trees in the western U.S.
- Experience navigating with maps, compass, and GPS units.
- Experience using ArcGIS.
- Experience using MS Word, Excel, PowerPoint, internet, and e-mail.

Duties and Responsibilities:

- Assist with marking and implementation of fire mitigation projects, and communicate with landowners for wildfire mitigation site visits.
- Assist with projects through the Good Neighbor Authority Program, including timber cruising, laying out sale boundaries and roads, marking sale units, creating maps, and communicating with loggers, U.S. Forest Service partners, and the public.
- Assist with urban and community forestry tree risk assessments and sick tree calls.
- Assist with day-to-day operations in the Gunnison greenhouse, including thinning of aspen seedlings.
- Participate in training opportunities, such as First Aid / CPR, All Terrain Vehicle operation, forestry field measurements, insect and disease identification and management, and GIS mapping.
- Work with supervisor(s) to prepare a summer work plan, set goals and learning objectives, and evaluate progress.
- Prepare a short written overview of the CSFS and the intern's host unit and a written reflection of their internship experience.

To Apply:

Please send electronic versions of the following application materials to megan.matonis@colostate.edu:

1. Cover letter: The cover letter must include the following information: (a) the CSFS internship position(s) you are applying for, (b) your interest in and qualifications for each of these positions, and (c) a statement about what diversity and inclusion means to you and why it matters in the workplace.
2. Resume
3. Unofficial CSU transcript
4. Names and phone numbers / emails for 3 professional references.

For questions regarding the position, please contact:

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This announcement is also posted on our website at: <http://csfs.colostate.edu/employment>

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