

MONTANA FISH, WILDLIFE & PARKS

INTERN PROGRAM REQUEST

EMPLOYER: Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks

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DATE OF ANNOUNCEMENT: Friday, January 5, 2024

APPLICATION DEADLINE: Monday, June 30th 2025 at 5:00 PM (postmarked)
(UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED ON THIS FORM BY SUPERVISOR)

****STUDENTS MUST BE CURRENTLY ENROLLED IN A UNIVERSITY/COLLEGE****

POSITION TITLE: Fish Culture Technician

OF POSITIONS: 1

LOCATION(S): Jocko River Trout Hatchery – Arlee, Montana

WORK START/END DATES: Fall Semester 2025. September 2025 to December 31st 2025

HOURS/WEEK: Variable to accommodate academic schedule, But generally 8 to 16 Hours/ Week

TOTAL HOURS FOR INTERNSHIP: Maximum 300

TRAINING/ORIENTATION DATES: Training begins the first day of internship.

HOURLY PAY: \$13.00 Per hour

POSITION DESCRIPTION/SCOPE OF WORK:

The duties of this position expose the incumbent to all aspects of Coldwater aquaculture. The Jocko River Hatchery is a Rainbow Trout Brood Hatchery that collects 5 to 6 million eggs annually from a captive brood-stock. The hatchery also supports recreational fishing programs and stocks approximately 300,000 fish annually. Timing of this position corresponds to the seasonal spawning activities of the facility.

As a Fish Culture Technician, the intern will be required to perform duties such as: feed fish, clean rearing units, pressure wash rearing units, sample, inventory and move fish lots, assist with spawning and brood stock maintenance, load distribution trucks and assist with fish plants, assist with egg and fry care, administer fin clips, assist with ground and building maintenance, and may need to use hand and power tools.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

This position will have a flexible work schedule to be determined by the intern and hatchery intern supervisor. Preference is given to people who have availability in their schedule Monday, Tuesday, Wednesdays. Also needed to be able to commit to at least a 4 hour block of time a day to be at the hatchery; example would be 8am to 12pm or 1pm to 5pm. It is designed to provide experience covering a broad range of Coldwater fish culture activities over an extended period for an actively enrolled student. The Jocko River Trout Hatchery is located in Arlee, MT. The hatchery is located approximately 27 miles north of Missoula, MT. **Intern is responsible for own transportation to and from the hatchery.**

SKILLS, ABILITIES, KNOWLEDGE NEEDED (EDUCATION; UNDERGRAD/GRAD LEVEL, SUGGESTED/REQUIRED MAJORS):

Preference is given to students majoring in Wildlife Biology – with either a terrestrial or aquatic focus. Must be majoring in a Natural Resource/ Biological Sciences field. Preference will be given to Senior or Junior level students.

Student must be able to complete tasks physical in nature and be willing to work outdoors in inclement weather for extended periods of time. Must be able to work cooperatively with others. Must have a desire and willingness to learn.

APPLICATION MATERIALS:

- Resume
- Cover Letter
- References

SEND APPLICATION MATERIALS TO: Kate Amsden at Kate.amsden@mt.gov

PROJECT NUMBERS FOR EACH FISCAL YEAR:

3903P

ESTIMATED TOTAL COST OF INTERNSHIP: \$3,900

WILL ANY GRANTS OR SCHOLARSHIPS BE USED TO FUND THE INTERNSHIP?

No

IF SO, PLEASE LIST NUMBERS ATTACHED TO THOSE: N/A