PAID WILDLIFE INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITY
Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife
South Willamette Watershed District

Location: Springfield field office. Housing is not provided.

Salary: $12.29/hour

Duration: Not to exceed 400 hours (May 2018 – July 2018)

Job Description: The selected applicant will be working with both native and non-native freshwater turtles, primarily Western pond turtles and red-eared sliders, respectively. Work will include Visual Encounter Surveys (VES) to develop native: non-native species ratios, nest searches, trapping and collecting morphological data, PIT tagging turtles, and necropsy of non-native turtles to investigate reproductive potential.

The benefit of this position is to recruit and train potential employees seeking careers in wildlife conservation. Intern is expected to gain the ability to develop and refine academic and professional goals as well as understand the structure and operation of a natural resource agency.

Internship experience will help to identify academic strengths and weaknesses and enhance opportunities for future professional employment. Duties include:

- Performing visual estimate surveys (12%);
- Nest searches (40%);
- Trapping, data collection, PIT tagging (40%);
- Necropsies (8%).

Requirements: This position requires attention to detail; the ability to operate non-motorized watercraft; ability to conduct necropsies, and familiarity with common computer software programs. No prior experience working with turtles is necessary. The selected intern will receive on-the-job training.

Interactions with the public, local residents and other agency personnel are frequent and a well-developed sense of diplomacy is required.
Applicants must have a valid driver license and an acceptable driving record. Preference will be given to students currently enrolled in an undergraduate program. If the student is recently graduated, the student must have a requirement to complete an internship to satisfy their degree requirements.

**Work Conditions:** Frequently works outside during inclement weather, and work can begin before and after daylight hours, and occasionally requires working on weekends.

This position requires a flexible work schedule that varies in the number of hours worked on a daily basis, but not necessarily each day, and does not exceed forty (40) hours in a work week. Work exceeding 40 hours per week requires prior approval by the supervisor.

**Contact:** For more information contact Christopher Yee, Acting District Wildlife Biologist, 541.726.3515 x27. Interested individuals should submit a resume via email to christopher.g.yee@state.or.us.