



# Spokane Conservation District

## Nonpaid Internship Position for Undergraduate Students

### Fall and Spring Semesters

#### Summary

**Desired Class Level:** Junior, Senior

**Internship Timeframe:** Fall / Spring Semester (Circle one)

**Approximate Hours per Week:** 4

**Total Minimum Hours:** 40

**Compensation:** Unpaid, for credit only

#### Qualifications:

- Moderate to strong science background with an emphasis on field work
- Experience with laboratory safety and procedures
- Ability to perform physically strenuous tasks
- Interpersonal communication and public relations techniques
- Desire to learn new skills and conservation methods

To apply please email a Resume and Cover letter to: [seth-flanders@sccd.org](mailto:seth-flanders@sccd.org)

Email subject should be titled: LAST NAME\_SEASON(FALL/SPRING)\_INTERNSHIP

## **Internship Details:**

The goal of this internship is to help students further their understanding of resource conservation that Spokane Conservation District (SCD) implements to benefit soil health, water quality, water quantity, forestry and livestock. The purpose is for the intern to gain hands on experience in field work and data collection, public outreach, and contribute to a variety of programs at SCD.

The internship will take place during fall and spring semesters for one student from a Spokane County college or university. Fall semester begins the first week of September and extends through mid December. Spring Semester begins the first week of February and extends through mid May. Currently, internships are one semester long per student. SCD hours are 8am-4:30pm Monday through Thursday, and interns will be scheduled to come in during those hours. Board meetings are the second Tuesday of each month from 5:00pm-7:00pm, and each intern will attend at least one board meeting.

The intern will be required to have a moderate to strong science background with the physical ability to complete field work and spend extended hours outdoors. Conservation efforts during the internship may be labor intensive and interns must be physically competent. Laboratory experience is highly desired but not necessary.

SCD will provide a work station for the intern to place gear, keep work clothes, and have a writing space. SCD will provide a computer for the intern to track internship hours and complete any necessary tasks assigned to them.

The intern will work at the SCD office at least once a week depending on internship assignments. It is up to SCD Internship Coordinator and the intern to schedule work hours and resolve any scheduling conflicts. Internship hours will be recorded at the SCD, approved by an SCD supervisor, and then sent to the appropriate professor for credit approval.

## **Departments and responsibilities:**

**Water Resources:** Walt Edelen, Lindsay Chutas, Dan Ross, Charlie Peterson, Seth Flanders

- Assist in well level measuring and assist in analyzing data (4 hours)
- Assist in Bear Creek water sampling and stream flow measurement at Findley Rd. (4 hours)
- Attend a Water Resources Inventory Area (WRIA) meeting (2 hours)
- Assist in Biological Survey of Bear Creek Channel realignment (2 hours)
- OSS site visit (2 hours)

**Forestry:** Garth Davis, Ben Peterson

- Attend a Firewise home assessment (Fall) (4 hours)
- "Green Zone" Grounds work (Fall) (4 hours)
- Help in planning and implementing tree sale (Spring 5 hours)
- Packing, inventory, orders (Spring 5 hours)

**Office Administration:** Vicki Carter, Erica Johnson, Cori Turntine, Jilla Loan

- Assist in documentation and administrative work (4 hours)
- Attend Board meeting (2 hours)

**Soils:** Eric Choker

- Assist in soils testing and lab procedure (8 hours)

**Education:** Stacey Selcho

- Assist in education outreach at local school function (3-4 hours)