



USDA/APHIS/Wildlife Services Student Scholarship and Summer Internship

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The USDA, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Wildlife Services (WS) Program is pleased to announce the availability of one scholarship and a paid summer internship position during summer 2018. The goal of this internship program is to provide training and experience for students from under-represented groups to enable them to move directly into USDA/WS jobs after completing two summer work assignments and graduating with an appropriate degree.

The scholarship provides for up to two years to pay for tuition, books and related expenses.

During the summers following the sophomore and junior years, the selected intern is expected to work full-time (40 hours per week) in a Wildlife Services operational program or at the WS National Wildlife Research Center or associated field station assisting wildlife biologists resolve human-wildlife conflicts or conducting research involving wildlife damage management. The employee will assess, evaluate, make management recommendations, and implement both non-lethal and lethal management strategies for a variety of damage management situations. The student will work alongside WS professionals who will serve as mentors.

Applicants should be able to work in remote areas in varying weather conditions such as rain, high winds, prolonged exposure to intense sunlight, and temperature extremes.

Travel will be paid to and from summer duty stations that could be anywhere in the US. Housing, often a camp trailer, will be provided.

Pay = GS 3 step 1 (first year) and GS 4 step 1 (second year).

QUALIFICATIONS: Applicants should have completed their sophomore year by May 2018, have a cumulative grade point average of at least 2.75, and be enrolled in the agriculture - natural resources (wildlife) program at Lincoln University, majoring in a field that would qualify them for federal wildlife biologist positions upon graduation. Current degree plans of applicants should include the following:

- At least 9 semester hours in such wildlife subjects as mammalogy, ornithology, animal ecology, wildlife management, or research courses in the field of wildlife biology; and
- At least 12 semester hours in zoology in such subjects as general zoology, invertebrate zoology, vertebrate zoology, comparative anatomy, physiology, genetics, ecology, cellular biology, parasitology, entomology, or research courses in such subjects (Excess courses in wildlife biology may be used to meet the zoology requirements where appropriate.); and
- At least 9 semester hours in botany or the related plant sciences.

HOW TO APPLY: Completed applications consisting of a brief cover letter (no more than one page), resume, and current college transcript should be submitted to Dr. Adrian Andrei (Founders Hall 120). The cover letter should describe your interests, hobbies, goals, and why you wish to work for USDA/Wildlife Services.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: October 1st, 2017



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