



Western Drought Research and Water Outreach Internship - Summer Semester 2015

Internships Available

The Utah Rivers Council is offering a Western Drought Research and Water Outreach Internship position available for Summer Semester 2015.

Organizational Background

The Utah Rivers Council works to protect Utah's rivers and clean water sources for citizens and wildlife. The URC has had many successes in protecting Utah's rivers and promoting water conservation throughout the years, including protecting both the Diamond Fork and Bear Rivers from proposed diversion dams and in authoring the Water Conservation Plan Act, Utah's first water conservation law.

Internship Description

With 2015 shaping up to be the fourth-consecutive year of drought in the Western US and the Lake Powell Pipeline proponents poised to submit their application for federal approval of the river diversion, this summer will be a critical time for Utah's rivers. The Western Drought Research and Water Outreach Intern will assist in activities and tasks that promote the URC's programs with state and federal agencies and through local governments in an effort to protect Utah's precious rivers. Responsibilities of the intern include researching water conservation efforts across the West, engaging in public outreach through the URC's RainHarvest program, organizing and managing volunteers and volunteer projects, updating the Utah Rivers Council website, and assisting in other research efforts and outreach campaigns focused on western water policy. Interns may be asked to help represent the URC at public events and outreach opportunities from time to time.

This is an excellent opportunity for a student seeking an education on the basics of water supply, western water politics and sustainability issues in the water sector. This internship is also an introduction into the world of non-profit environmental work and an opportunity to network with professionals in the environmental field. The student will gain a glimpse into what a career with an environmental organization entails and gain real world experience in grassroots advocacy. Several of the URC's past interns have gone on to become staff members for the organization.

Skills Needed

Course work related to western water policy, general civics knowledge, attention to detail, excellent organization skills, strong computer skills, comfort with multi-tasking, effective writing and public speaking skills, and an interest in protecting Utah's amazing rivers!

Hours Available

9-15 hours a week are available; unpaid but class credit possible. Scheduling of hours will be regular but we are flexible according to class schedules and workload.

To apply

Send a cover letter explaining your interests and background, resume, and a short (1 to 2 page) writing sample to: Gordon Rowe, gordon@utahrivers.org. Applications are due **April 16, 2015**. You may also be asked to provide one to two references after you apply.