



MISSISSIPPI  
DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE, FISHERIES, AND PARKS

Internship Description  
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**ABOUT MDWFP:**

The mission of the Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries, and Parks is to conserve and enhance Mississippi's wildlife, fisheries, and parks, provide quality outdoor recreation, and engage the public in natural resource conservation. The Agency is organized into six bureaus: Law Enforcement, Fisheries, Mississippi Museum of Natural Science (MMNS), State Parks, Support Services, and Wildlife. The MDWFP manages state fishing lakes, fish hatcheries, state parks, wildlife management areas (some owned by other entities, but managed by MDWFP), three regional offices, and one museum.

**CHARACTERISTICS OF WORK:**

This is work performed by college/university undergraduate or graduate students in the Department of Wildlife, Fisheries, and Parks' Internship Program. Interns may perform a variety of duties designed to provide skills and experience in one of the diverse career fields within the Agency. Work assignments are performed in a specific career field related to the student's major or minor course of study. Supervision is received from a bureau advisor who assigns projects, gives preliminary instructions, reviews work accomplishments, and correlates his/her supervisory work with the institution's internship facility advisor. Individuals will be expected to work either part-time or full-time for a period of limited duration. Set hours will be approved by the intern's supervisor.

**MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:**

Applicant must be a student in good standing at an accredited college or university and must have completed the equivalent of forty-eight (48) undergraduate/graduate semester hours in courses directly related to Wildlife Biology, Fisheries Biology, Law Enforcement, Parks and Recreation, Support Services, and/or Museum studies. The applicant must have a cumulative grade point average of 2.50 and receive a favorable recommendation from a reference.

**COMPENSATION:**

Interns will receive a bi-weekly salary ranging from \$14.00 - \$15.00/hour for the length of the internship. Interns will not accrue personal and/or major medical leave, paid holidays, or participate in the state retirement system or group health plans. Students are encouraged to pursue college/university credit hours for participating in the internship; however, it is the student's full responsibility to apply for credit hours through their school and to ensure that their requirements are fulfilled.



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Internship Application  
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To apply for an internship, please complete the below application. **Completed applications should be sent to ["internships@wfp.ms.gov."](mailto:internships@wfp.ms.gov)** Please submit the following in addition to your application:

- Resume. Please specify work experience and extracurricular activities.
- Letter of Intent. Please submit a statement that includes: your major/minor subject of study, your interest in participating in the program, what area of the agency you would like to work in, and a brief description of your future career goals. **500 words max.**
- One letter of recommendation.
- A copy of your current academic transcript.

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Permanent Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Birth Date: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

College/University: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Classification: \_\_\_\_\_ GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

Completed Hours/To be completed before internship start date: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

Major/Minor: \_\_\_\_\_

Expected Graduation: (Semester) \_\_\_\_\_ (Year) \_\_\_\_\_

Letter of Recommendation: (Name and Title) \_\_\_\_\_

Applying for Semester:

Summer (application deadline – March 15) \_\_\_\_\_

Fall (application deadline – May 1) \_\_\_\_\_

Spring (application deadline – Nov. 1) \_\_\_\_\_

Applying for Bureau Location:

Wildlife Biologist \_\_\_\_\_

Fisheries Biologist \_\_\_\_\_

Law Enforcement (21 years and older) \_\_\_\_\_

Parks and Recreation \_\_\_\_\_

Support Services (Accounting, HR, IT, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

Museum (Edu., Research, Heritage, Exhibits) \_\_\_\_\_

Will you receive academic credit from your school if you participate in the program: Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

Have you applied for this program previously: Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ Selected for program: Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_