Describe the internship assignment:

The Central Coast Bat Research Group (CCBRG) is a local environmental research and consulting firm that specializes in bat ecology and conservation. We are part of the California Bat Working Group (CBWG), which is responsible for creating the California Bat Conservation Plan, a state document that will outline the conservation threats and management strategies for protection of California’s 25 bat species.

We are looking for a motivated student who is interested in helping with the California Bat Conservation Plan. The intern’s responsibilities will include organizing and entering data on bat capture records into a statewide biological database as well as help draft reports on the “Conservation Concerns for Central Coast Bat Populations” and “Bats in Oak Woodlands” sections of the CBCP. A field trip to Pinnacles National Monument to capture bats may be included as part of the internship’s activities. Given the intern’s interest level and desires, there is potential for senior thesis projects to develop out of this internship.

This is an exciting opportunity for a student to be a part of real-world conservation and management activities. The intern will learn a lot about bat ecology and conservation, conservation issues at the state level, acquire skills in data organization and management, and gain valuable writing experience while participating in an important conservation program.

**Prerequisites:**

**Intern must have:**

- enthusiasm and interest in bat conservation;
- basic knowledge of spreadsheet database programs, such as MS Excel;
- competent writing skills (writing sample will be required to apply);
- willingness/ability to work independently and unsupervised.
- Some knowledge of GIS preferred, but not necessary.