

Fall 2021 Internship Opportunity: Human-Wildlife Interactions in the Santa Cruz Mountain



Two 2-credit field- and lab-based internships are available for the fall quarter with the Wilmers Lab in ENVS. The interns will assist with a large-scale field experiment examining the trade-offs that local wildlife face between avoiding risk from humans and taking advantage of anthropogenic resources. Work will include setting up and maintaining experimental sites around the Santa Cruz Mountains (remote wildlife “camera traps” and audio playback equipment) and scoring camera trap images in the lab. Interns will gain first-hand experience with several important aspects of wildlife ecology, including study design, data collection, and processing wildlife image data.

Qualifications:

- (1) *Must be able to commit one full day a week (approx. 8am to 5pm) for fieldwork on either Mondays or Wednesdays throughout the quarter*
- (2) *Must be willing to work in the field under occasionally unpleasant conditions (e.g., rain) and be prepared for some moderate to rigorous hiking with equipment*
- (3) *Previous research and/or fieldwork experience is an asset, though not required*

Interested? Please email Dr. Justin Suraci (jsuraci@ucsc.edu), include your resume and contact details, and confirm whether you are available all day on Mondays or Wednesdays.

