

ASSIGNMENT DESCRIPTION

Younger Lagoon Reserve Habitat Restoration Field Crew



Organization/Agency UCSC Natural Reserves

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Address c/o ENVS. On campus office is located at 463 NS2. Field office and internship work-site is Younger Lagoon Reserve, located on the far west side of Santa Cruz, adjacent to UCSC's Coastal Science Campus.

Interns requested for: Fall x Winter x Spring x Summer x

Number of interns needed: 1-25

Approximate number of hours per week to be worked: 6-15

Internship schedule: Student interns work Monday through Thursday, with shifts from 9 - 12 and 1 - 4. 2-unit interns work two shifts a week. 5-unit interns work four or five shifts a week.

Describe the internship assignment:

The UCSC Natural Reserves Office manages five natural reserves that are set aside for teaching, research and public education. We sponsor interns every quarter, including summer, to work at Younger Lagoon Reserve on our Habitat Restoration Field Crew. Student interns work outside among herons, hawks, and coyotes and pull invasive weeds, collect native seeds, propagate and plant native seedlings, maintain existing restoration sites, cut back trails, and conduct ecological monitoring throughout the year.

The best way to get involved is to start with a 2-unit internship. After successfully completing a 2-unit internship, students may pursue an upper division or senior internship project.

Prerequisites:

Student interns must arrive on time with a positive attitude, follow instructions, and pay attention to detail. For lower division internships, no particular skills are required. We will train you in the theory and practice of native habitat restoration. For upper division internships, previous or concurrent coursework or experience in plants, soils, restoration ecology, conservation, GIS or other relevant experience is required.

****Student interns work outside almost every day - rain or shine, and should expect to get wet and muddy! Appropriate clothing and footwear (such as rain or hiking boots) are required.**