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Dear Environmental Studies Intern,

I'm delighted that you are reading this handbook; embarking on an internship not only means that you are adding a new and challenging dimension to your education, but also that you are following a different pathway to knowledge: Learning by doing. Experiential learning can be a powerful path in your education career.

The Department of Environmental Studies offers more than 100 internships and we encourage all of our students to take advantage of the opportunities that internships provide. By using your education in an organizational setting, you will be applying your knowledge and abilities in a practical manner as well as contributing to the local community. In this process you will also learn more about yourself. We believe that doing an internship will enrich you, and that your experience, in turn, will enrich us all during your time at UCSC.

Welcome to the Environmental Studies Internship Program.

Greg Gilbert, Chair
Department of Environmental Studies UC Santa Cruz
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Jodi McGraw's Sandhills Research project
Introduction-

Your Role as an Intern

Welcome to the Environmental Studies Internship Program! This is an exciting opportunity that allows you to practically apply academic principles in a real world setting, investigate career options in related fields, engage in meaningful service to the community, gain new skills, and contribute personally to current environmental research and issues. We feel confident that this rewarding experience will benefit both you and the your internship agency.

Internships differ from both independent studies and apprenticeships in that they emphasize community engagement in a collaborative working environment while integrating academic reflection and analysis. Internships demand students think critically and deeply about academia and their field experience. By applying university skills and knowledge to daily agency tasks, interns deepen their understanding of both academic principles and theories while gaining practical application skills.

Interns gain new perspectives on their internship experience through journal writing, seminars, faculty support, midterm check-ins, and a final analytical-reflective paper. You will get the most out of this experience by approaching your internship with a self-conscious and self-reflective attitude that promotes critical analysis and engagement in active listening and questioning.

“Critical reflection on practice is a requirement of the relationship between theory and practice.”—Paulo Freire, Pedagogy of the Oppressed

Interns working in Greenhouse on Thimann roof-top
WHAT'S AN INTERNSHIP?

“...we can posit that an internship is more likely to be “high impact” for students when it is intentionally organized as an activity that leads to particular learning outcomes; when students apply what they have learned in courses to work experiences, reflect on these experiences, and receive feedback that helps them to improve; when students build mentoring relationships with supervisors, faculty, and peers; when students are exposed to differences across people and in ways of thinking; and when students are asked to use their experiences to clarify their values, interests, and personal goals—including, in this case, their values, interests, and goals related to careers.” (O’Neill, 2010)

What distinguishes internships from other forms of active learning is that there is a degree of supervision and self-study that allows students to “learn by doing” and to reflect upon that learning in a way that achieves certain learning goals and objectives. Feedback for improvement and the development or refinement of learning goals is also essential. What distinguishes an intern from a volunteer is the deliberative form of learning that takes place. There must be a balance between learning and contributing, and the student, the student’s institution, and the internship placement site must share in the responsibility to ensure that the balance is appropriate and that the learning is of sufficiently high quality to warrant the effort, which might include academic credit.” (Source: O’Neill, Nancy. (Fall 2010) “Internships as a High-Impact Practice: Some Reflections on Quality,” Vol. No. 4. Association of American Colleges and Universities, Fall 2010, No. 4.) Retrieved from: https://www.aacu.org/publications-research/periodicals/internships-high-impact-practice-some-reflections-quality

Reflective thinking, in short, means judgment is suspended during further inquiry. [T]he most important factor in the training of good mental habits consists in acquiring the attitude of suspended conclusion, and in mastering the various methods of searching for new materials to corroborate or to refute the first suggestions that occur. To maintain the state of doubt and to carry on systematic and protracted inquiry — these are the essentials of thinking. (John Dewey, What is Thought?, Lexington, Mass., D.C. Heath, (1910), p. 13.)
Internship Responsibilities

**Of Student**
- Set mutually satisfactory and feasible goals with agency and faculty sponsors.
- Become an integral and participating member of the agency/institution staff.
- Become familiar with agency policy and procedures and abide by all regulations.
- Support the agency and its staff in any contacts with the public.
- Notify the agency sponsor when you are unable to work.
- Consult your supervisor when confronted with problems you cannot satisfactorily solve by yourself.
- Schedule meetings with faculty sponsor and supervisor as needed.
- Evaluate each meeting or activity that has been planned and conducted.
- Set a positive standard for other interns to follow.
- Complete work as outlined on learning agreement.

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**Of Agency**
- Orient the intern to the philosophy, policies, programs and services of the agency.
- Prepare the agency staff for the arrival of the intern.
- Define the agency’s expectations of intern including specific project(s) for the quarter.
- Determine, with the intern, the types of learning experiences that provide challenge, growth, and success and provide these experiences.
- Integrate the intern as a fully functioning participant in appropriate levels of agency activities, projects, and programs.
- Provide supervision by meeting at least once a week with intern.
- Train the intern as necessary.
- Evaluate the intern’s progress, overall performance, and the degree to which s/he has met the stated goals and objectives through a verbal midterm check and written final evaluation.

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**Of Faculty**
- Meet with intern during the quarter to supervise academic components of work (i.e. suggest readings, help students connect internship to a theoretical base).
- Serve as a consultant to intern and agency for technical advice.
- Meet at midterm to review and sign midterm report.
- Provide mediation support for intern if needed.
- Make a site visit, if possible.
- Provide guidance in focusing the final paper.
- Write final evaluation.
COMMON INTERNSHIP DILEMMAS

Workload/Type of Work

• Are you photocopying, running errands, editing minor details more than you are comfortable?
• Underutilized? Overloaded? Too repetitious?
• Are you finding it difficult to maintain a balance between coursework and internship hours?
  *Discuss how you're feeling with your supervisor*

Co-worker Relationships

• Do you feel resentment (Due to access to your boss or special treatment)?
• Unfamiliar with your role (why are you there)?
• Peers don’t feel you work as hard as they do?
• Listen to their struggles as well as talk about your own.

Time Commitments

• Do you feel pressured to work overtime and weekends?
  *Make sure you let your supervisor know in a tactful way that you are to work only so many hours, and that you have other commitments*

Supervision

• Is your supervisor a “boss” or a “mentor”?
• Is there a lack of contact?
• Is he or she providing some direction for your internship?

Evaluation/ Feedback

• Are you getting feedback on your work?
  * Take the initiative to make an appointment and discuss your work and ask for feedback, if your supervisor doesn’t set something up with you.

Office Politics/ Issues

• Be careful about getting caught on one side or another of a burning office issues, or between personalities.

If you are having issues with your internship placement please reach out we are here to support you! Email us at esintern@ucsc.edu or drop by at ISB 491
PROFESSIONALISM AT WORK: MAKING THE MOST OF YOUR INTERNSHIP

Expectations

1. Make sure that the expectations for your internship remain realistic
2. Keep in mind the expectations your coworkers and supervisor have of you
3. Understand your role and how it functions within the larger agency
4. Know whom to report to

Daily Conduct

1. Dress for the position you want, not the one you have.
2. Be friendly, positive, and supportive; make an effort to get along with your co-workers.
3. Be personable but keep your personal life and work life separate.
4. Keep an open mind; avoid jumping to conclusions; try to make informed judgments.
5. Follow through and be accurate in your work.
6. Don't be afraid to be assertive
7. Conduct yourself in a way that reflects positively on yourself, and the department
   *Your professional manner may lead to future job offers*

Time Management

1. Map out your day! Be sure to leave time for self-care
2. Honor your commitment to the internship and show up for your hours
3. Try to organize your schedule around the times your work best
4. Use a day-planner, google, or apple calendar to schedule and keep track of deadlines.

Networking

1. Develop a plan to cultivate informal interpersonal contacts and relationships with those in your field of interest. This will give you a larger support system in searching for jobs, gain exposure and experience, and gathering referrals.
2. Start with friends, acquaintances and relatives, then move on to co-workers and supervisors.
3. During breaks, lunch, or slow times, ask co-workers about their jobs and experiences working with different agencies; find out what they liked/disliked.
4. Get to meet/know the top decision-makers and industry leaders; they can provide valuable insight to why and how things are done; observe their influences; watch their management styles.
5. Remember that networking is informal, don't view it as a job interview.

*Interns working at the Homeless Garden Project*
Six Stages of Intern Development

Stage One: Arranging and Anticipating an Internship
- Characterized by excitement, high motivation and idealistic (often unrealistic) expectations.
- Self-doubt: “Can I really do this?”

Stage Two: Orientation and Establishing Identity
- Taking in new information and establishing an identity in the workplace.
- Importance of learning new rules, rituals, and subtleties of power and information flow.
- Need to gain acceptance and to search for direction and focus.
- May feel overwhelmed by new information or underwhelmed by simple tasks required of them as a newcomer.

Stage Three: Reconciling Expectations with Reality
- Have established work routine and no longer feel like a stranger.
- Clarification of realities of work situation -- may be at variance with idealistic vision held in stage one.
- Awareness of contrast between work and school; work situation may be dull and routine, doesn't have the flexibility of academic setting - there are serious consequences for being late or missing work.
- At this point can feel disappointment, alienation. May respond by refusing to take the experience seriously, by becoming negative, or by quitting the internship.

Stage Four: Productivity and Independence
- Increased learning and productivity on site.
- Interns focus energy on accomplishing tasks and learning goals. Feel integrated into work group, are receptive to evaluation, self-confident and self-aware, and able to negotiate changes effectively.

Stage Five: Closure
- Creating closure sometimes difficult.
- May feel that neither their coming or going was noticed -- others are not sure when or how to leave comfortably.
- May begin to lose focus or enthusiasm.

Stage Six: Re-Entry and Practical Application
- Need to readjust and refocus -- on school or post-graduation job search.
- May be excited to be back in classroom OR may find academic assignments tiring and irrelevant and fellow students preoccupied with mundane issues.
- May have difficulty translating internship experiences into skills and insights.

(Source: Messiah College Internship Program)
Setting Goals

Interns get the most out of their internship by making clear, tangible goals. These goals can be academic, personal, and/or career-related. Goals are flexible and changing but should reflect your expected outcomes for the internship. Brainstorm goals in your journal and take intentional steps to achieve them. Revisit your goals throughout the internship and check-in on your progress. If you find yourself off track tack action, don’t be afraid to change direction.

If you have trouble starting, try answering these questions:

Why am I doing this? What most excites me about the internship? What are my biggest concerns? What are my expectations of the agency and my role as an intern? (Now, check out our goals worksheet on the next page.)

You might then go on to examine your academic and/or career goals. What specific knowledge do you want to gain? Do you want to see whether the regulatory process fits what you learned in class, or how agroecology theory matches up to practice, or how to design a display? Are you wondering about your future career?

There are also many personal goals you might have. You might want to gain confidence on the phone or in public speaking, or experience with computers; or become accustomed to a professional workplace, to practice a second language, or to improve your writing skills. Finally, ask yourself how you might go about meeting the goals that you have identified. What might you need to be aware of? Who or what would be a good resource? What information should you gather and examine?

Avoid writing down your goals and then never looking back. The nature of your internship may change frequently as you become more familiar with the agency and your role. To know whether you are achieving your goals, you must re-examine them frequently. You may find that you have strayed from your original goals, and you need to decide whether to get back on track, or revise the goals to reflect your changed perspectives.
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“SMART” GOAL-SETTING WORKSHEET

Specific: What exactly will you accomplish?

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Measurable: How will you know you've achieved it?

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Achievable: Is achieving this goal realistic with effort and commitment? Have you got the resources to achieve this goal? If not, how will you get them?

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Relevant: Why is this goal significant to your life?

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Timely: When will you achieve this goal?

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From the Agency’s Perspective... Tips for New Interns

● If you are "shopping" for internship positions, observe some important protocols: a) be honest with the interviewer about your desire to find the right placement for yourself, and that you are shopping around for an internship; b) do not accept the internship and agree to perform the work assignments and then terminate the arrangement if you find another, more desirable position; c) send a thank you note to the agency you have interviewed with. Remember too, there are more internships looking for interns than vice-versa!

● Observe the agency's policies and culture. Treat this internship like a coveted job. Be on time. Always show up for your scheduled time. Dress in a manner consistent with others in the agency. Communicate professionally with your supervisors, peers and agency clients. Take initiative on assignments and complete them thoroughly and promptly.

● Plan to complete your internship/volunteer position unless extraordinary circumstances arise. Remember, it is only 10 weeks and internships are as much about discovering what you do not like along with finding what you really love.

● "Missed" work periods, deadlines, or scheduled meeting times can sometimes create chaos for your supervisor who arranges their schedule around your availability and is usually overworked. Unplanned absences must be explained and made up. Call to reschedule all changes in appointments in advance.

● Work that you perform for the agency is assumed to be confidential to the agency unless you are otherwise notified. The agency may be involved in legal work, planning work or other types of work that have policy or confidential ramifications. When in doubt, ask your supervisor.
CCOF, California Certified Organic Farmer, has its main office in Santa Cruz.

- Be product and project oriented.
- Try to be as self-sufficient as possible.
- We are assuming that you have all of the basic skills in research, writing, and verbal communications. If you find that you are lacking in any of these, get academic support to perfect these skills, there is help on-campus.
- Keep a binder of your work or reference materials so that it is easy to access and reproduce your work when needed.
- Regard your project supervisor as your ally. Let your supervisor lead you in suggesting short cuts, library sources, and good contacts.
- If you have put forth your best effort in the internship, you should ask for letter of reference/recommendation. Discuss your evaluation with the sponsor and outline any specific abilities or talents you would like highlighted in the letter.
- Plan to receive comments on your project work. Feedback is an integral part of the experiential learning process. Expect and ask for constructive criticism on your work product and overall progress.
WHY KEEP A JOURNAL?

1. To **RECORD** your internship experience;
2. To **REFLECT** on your experience and its connections with your life, learning, and decisions for action; and
3. To **ANALYZE** your experience and its interactions with coursework and theory in your field of study.

Taking the time to sit down and write about your activities, insights, and feelings is an important part of your internship. Journal writing provides an opportunity to record observations about your experience, your readings, and your discussions with your field supervisor, faculty sponsor, and internship coordinator. Writing in your journal can assist you in thinking critically about your work and potentially, draw meaning from it. Journals are an excellent way to improve and document your active, conscious reflections on your internship experience. Your journal serves as a vehicle to tie all the pieces of the internship together as well as documentation of what has been learned.
How to Keep a Journal

Some Basics:

Set aside time each day at your internship to write. Let your entries reflect your learning, both about yourself and about your internship placement. Record thoughts, questions, and critical incidents, but, leave out rambling descriptive-style entries. Remember, your internship journal is academic so write clearly, concisely, and legibly. Reflect on and analyze topics that concern you, and which will help you to clarify your goals, process the experience, and write your final paper.

Below are three useful techniques for journal writing. Feel free to combine them, switch them around, or develop your own.

Observing and Analyzing: Informal Journal Keeping

If you feel that you have a lot to say, then simply write. This is your space to record major events, questions, discoveries, and feelings about your internship, as well as keep a factual record of any information you might want to record. Don't spend the whole entry describing your day, though. Note the parts that were important to you, and then move on to your analysis of the situations and questions that you described.

Remember that though your faculty sponsor will look through your journal to verify that you kept one, it is ultimately for you. Reflect on and analyze topics that concern you, and which will help you to clarify your goals, process the experience, and write your final paper. You do not need to impress anyone except yourself.

Questioning Techniques

One useful technique to keep yourself actively involved in your experience and to develop topics to write about, is to respond to questions. Questions about agency organization, relation of internship work to academics, power flows, ethical issues, and your own learning are all excellent for thinking about yourself and your internship. The idea is to participate and observe, to consciously examine aspects of your internship that you otherwise might ignore. Listed below are some questions that may help you in this process:

1. What was the most important thing I learned today?
2. What critical issues surfaced that I want to think more about?
3. How does the agency’s philosophy affect workplace morale and the way people do their jobs?
4. What facts or terms do I want to remember?
5. How did today’s work connect with my academic studies and future goals?
6. What moral/ethical questions was I face? How did I handle it?
7. What were the different opinions or perspectives I was exposed to?
8. What did I learn about the impact my agency has on the local community and do I agree?
9. What will I do better on or change for tomorrow?

What do I Put in my Internship Journal?

• Begin your journal at the start of your internship.

• A journal may cause you to think about your experiences and might offer insight into what you are experiencing and feeling. It also can be a useful record of your learning.

• To be most effective, the journal should not be merely a log of events. It should be a means to analyze or reflect on the activities you are performing and the new things you are learning. In addition, it helps you to recognize important events and to relate your stated objectives to what you perceive you are learning and doing.

• Record something in your journal each day you work. Be sure to date each entry.

Use the following to help you decide what to include in your journal entries:

1. Job Description
   • Describe in as much detail as possible what you will be doing during your internship. You may need to add to this description as your internship progresses.
   • How much do your job responsibilities match your own personal objectives?

2. The Organizational Setting
   • What is the organizational structure? Who are the leaders? Who makes things happen?
   • Describe the work atmosphere at your internship site. How are decisions made? Is it a cooperative or competitive atmosphere? Is there a lot of group work, or do people work by themselves?

3. Journal Entries
   • Describe what was the best thing that happened to you today? How did you feel about it?
   • Describe what you did and what you observed at your internship site.
   • Describe what new skills or knowledge you have learned since beginning the internship and how they might help in a future job search?
   • Describe what people do who work at this occupation. Describe a typical day at your site. Ask visitors for their business card.
   • How have your duties changed since you first started? Have you been given more responsibility?
   • What do you feel is your main contribution to the organization?
   • What have you done this week that makes you proud? Why?
4. **Try interviewing your agency Supervisor:**
   - How did you become interested in this field?
   - What training or education must you have to pursue this career?
   - What do you like the most, or the least, about your work?
   - What occupies your time most during the workday?
   - What personal qualities are helpful?
   - What are the major problems or frustrations in your work?
   - How does this job fulfill your personal goals?
   - What books were influential to you in seeking out this kind of job?

***KEEP A LIST OF CONTACTS. ASK THOSE YOU MEET IN THE FIELD FOR: BUSINESS CARDS, EMAILS, WEB SITES, BOOKS THAT DEAL WITH YOUR INTERNSHIP***
ANALYTICAL-REFLECTIVE PAPER
The overall question that you are answering in this paper is “SO WHAT?” Whom does it affect? How might it be useful? How did your experience connect to your academic work? How did you grow? intellectually and/or personally? Remember that since your internship was a highly individual experience, your paper will also be unique, addressing those specific topics and questions that concerned you. Also note that this is an important means by which your faculty evaluates your academic performance, so include a short description of what you actually did daily, and then demonstrate your analytical and reflective abilities.

Be sure to thoroughly examine your journal for insights, connections, changes, small incidents that highlight larger issues, and common threads. Rely on your journal for a sense of perspective on the quarter; the more analytical of a journal you kept, the easier this paper should be to write.

Finally, be literate! PROOFREAD AND SPELL CHECK!! This is crucial, because it is impossible to read a slovenly paper without judging it on appearance as well as content. In some cases, mistakes even prevent the content from being understood, and both you and your faculty person's time has been wasted.

Some topics, which could be included:

- The original goals/expectations and how they were or were not met
- What problems were/were not encountered with the agency, people you were in contact with, and what was the final product?
- Controversy or questions revealed by the research or the experience
- Biases of the agency, yourself, the university, the community
- Pros and cons of different points of view
- How does the internship tie into your academics include reflection on your experience, training and any readings provided?
- Whether your attitude, perspective, or ability changed, and how?
- Whether your agency worked the way you thought it would, what was different, and how you would change it?
- Do you see a future for yourself in this area, and why or why not?
- Strengths and weaknesses you discovered about yourself?
- Questions unresolved or things you would've done differently?
SAMPLE: Analytical Paper Outline

I. Description of internship
   a. responsibilities
   b. skills learned
   c. project description
   d. problems encountered
   e. your expectations/goals: how and why they were or were not met

II. Analysis of internship in terms of two or more of the following:
   • comparative analysis with similar project
   • agency organizational structure critique, including analysis of information channels, power structure
   • critique of methodology/program design
   • analysis of the field (i.e.: planning, IPM) and how your project contributed or related
   • what you learned, changes you experienced
   • ethical considerations/issues

III. Relationship of internship or project to academic literature
   a. set your experiences in the field in the context of at least 2 articles
   b. and/or relate your work to a specific theory you have learned in the classroom

IV. How internship related to academic work
   a. academic preparation
      1. how prior academic experience related to field experience
      2. adequacy of academic preparation
   b. future plans
      1. for coursework
      2. for career

V. Conclusion

Still feeling unsure? Come look at sample analytical papers in the Internship Program Office. Talk with your faculty sponsor. Talk with the Internship Coordinator. Relax, and remember: it's your paper, so write something that will be of importance to you.
**Local, National, and International Internship and Job Web Sites**

**THESCA.ORG**—Student Conservation Association has over 1000 internships for students and those who have already graduated. They usually provide housing and a stipend. Good place to start if you have just graduated and need some more experience.  
[http://www.thesca.org](http://www.thesca.org)

**My Idealist**—Local, national, and international jobs, internships, and chat room on saving the world and other ENVS student interests  

**Coolworks**—a national internship directory  

**Orion**—a state, national, and international internships and Non-profit jobs site  

**Work for Good**—a non-profit jobs site  
[https://www.workforgood.org/](https://www.workforgood.org/)

**AEOE**—Association for Environmental and Outdoor Education  
[http://aeoe.org/](http://aeoe.org/)

**GoAbroad.com** is the comprehensive online source for study abroad, language schools, overseas internships, international volunteer and teaching positions  

**StopDodo**—web site for jobs and internships worldwide, lots in England, Australia and California. Very searchable site too.  

**WorkAway**—this is a similar experience to Woof-ing, but it is not just agriculture positions. Workaway.info is a site set up to promote fair exchange, volunteering and work opportunities between budget travelers, language learners or culture seekers who can stay with families, individuals or organizations that are looking for help with a range of varied and interesting activities.  
[https://www.workaway.info/](https://www.workaway.info/)
ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES JOB RESOURCES

**UCSC Career Center**  
Provides job counseling, job and graduate school fairs, on-campus interviews.  
http://www2.ucsc.edu/careers/index.html

**Federal Government**  
USA Jobs  
https://www.usajobs.gov/  
Online search engine for all jobs in the federal government

**Environmentally Related Departments and Agencies**  
EPA  
https://www.epa.gov/careers  
Fish and Wildlife Service  
http://jobs.fws.gov/  
USDA Forest Service  
http://www.fs.fed.us/fsjobs/forestservice/index.html  
National Park Service  
http://www.nps.gov/personnel/  
Bureau of Land Management  
http://www.blm.gov/careers/  
U.S. Geological Survey  
http://www.usgs.gov/ohr/

**California Government**  
California State Personnel Board  
http://www.spb.ca.gov/  
Online search engine for jobs in California government.

**California Environmental Protection Agency**  
Air Resources Board  
https://www.arb.ca.gov/personnel/jobs/examvac.htm  
California Integrated Waste Management Board  
https://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/Jobs/  
Department of Pesticide Regulation  
https://www.cdpr.ca.gov/docs/dep/psb/home.htm  
Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment  
http://www.oehha.ca.gov/jobs.html  
State Water Resources Control Board  
http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/employment/index.html

**California Resources Agency**  
Department of Conservation  
https://www.conservation.ca.gov/jobs  
Department of Fish and Game  
https://www.wildlife.ca.gov/  
Department of Forestry and Fire Protection  
http://www.fire.ca.gov/CDFCareers/jobvacancies.asp  
Department of Parks and Recreation  
http://www.parks.ca.gov/default.asp?page_id=736  
Department of Water Resources  
https://water.ca.gov/About/Careers  
California Conservation Corps  
https://ccc.ca.gov/staff-jobs/

**General Employment Sites**  
Environmental Careers Organization -  
http://www.ecojobs.com/  
Main programs include paid environmental internships, career conferences, career publications, etc.
  Jobs in oil, mining, geoscience, environmental, GIS and related subjects.
OneWorld.net - [http://www.oneworld.net/](http://www.oneworld.net/)
  Jobs in sustainable development, environment and human rights worldwide.
  Covers environmental jobs in government, companies, and nonprofits: engineers, chemists, technicians, geologists, etc.
Environmental Career Opportunities (newsletter) - [http://www.ecojobs.com/](http://www.ecojobs.com/)
  Hundreds of job vacancies in environmental policy, conservation, education, engineering and internships in all sectors.
  International development jobs in UN institutions, aid agencies, international NGOs, as well as multilateral, financial, academic and research institutions.
  Adventurous jobs, internships, seasonal work, volunteer vacations, and work abroad.
EnvironmentalCAREER.com - [https://environmentalcareercareer.com/](https://environmentalcareercareer.com/)
  Environmental Career Center's environmental and natural resources job listing and career information site: jobs, books, career news, live career conferences. Helping people work for the environment since 1980.
  Employment websites arranged by category: forestry, water resources, GIS, etc.
Outdoor JobNet - [https://outdoornetwork.com/careers/#viewjobs](https://outdoornetwork.com/careers/#viewjobs)
  Mostly summer camp and related jobs in the United States.
Western Organization of Resource Councils - [http://www.worc.org/who-we-are/career-opportunities/](http://www.worc.org/who-we-are/career-opportunities/)
  Openings in land management in the western United States.
EnvJobs-L - [http://environment.harvard.edu/](http://environment.harvard.edu/)
  A worldwide, non-commercial mailing list specifically for free environmental vacancy announcements.
  Improving health and nutrition at the grassroots level. Educational efforts include outreach, awareness, and prevention programs for public health, hygiene, and sanitation.
Green Dream Jobs - [https://www.sustainablebusiness.com/greendreamjobs/jobs/](https://www.sustainablebusiness.com/greendreamjobs/jobs/)
  Job and internship listings for jobs within sustainable businesses and organizations.
GreenBiz JobLink - [http://www.greenbiz.com/jobs](http://www.greenbiz.com/jobs)
  Free job- and resume-posting service for environmental professionals, from recent grads to career changers.
  Listings for various environmental fields worldwide.
  About.com collection of links to other environmental employment sites.
World Conservation Union (IUCN) - [https://hrms.iucn.org/iresy/index.cfm?event=vac.showOpenList](https://hrms.iucn.org/iresy/index.cfm?event=vac.showOpenList)

-Life Lab Interns working together to engage students.-
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Agency Evaluation of Intern

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Please evaluate the student’s work in this internship. Be as specific as possible as to work quality, demonstrated initiative, follow through, and potential to work in this field. This evaluation is a requirement of the student’s internship. (Ideally should be reviewed by both student and supervisor, but we understand this collaboration is not always possible.) Please return by email to: interns@ucsc.edu

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ABSTRACT: The “conservation prism” is an interdisciplinary analytical tool designed to help improve conservation strategies. The conservation prism is comprised of four lenses. Each lens is associated with a different discipline I believe necessary for a well-rounded conservation project: ecology, culture, politics, and economics. The thesis analyzes reasons for biodiversity loss in Costa Rica, justifying the need for the conservation prism. The necessity of local community involvement in conservation projects is a recurring theme throughout the analysis. The conservation prism thus helps to create strategies to aid community integration. The conservation prism is applied to the Area de Conservation Guanacaste (ACG) in Costa Rica, proving the need for and effectiveness of the interdisciplinary approach.

KEYWORDS: Costa Rica, Guanacaste, Latin America, Community based conservation, deforestation, tourism, development, tropical dry forest

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