

URBAN CONSERVATION INTERNSHIP

Description:

The Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship (IDALS) is seeking a summer intern to work with the urban conservation team on a wide variety of tasks including communicating information about water quality projects and development of urban stormwater management projects. The in-person position will be based out of the Hoover State Office Building on the Capitol complex in Des Moines.

The position will work collaboratively and independently with urban conservation staff in the field and office. The focus of responsibilities of the chosen candidate will include working with staff to update written and digital outreach materials. Materials may include written descriptions of current and past projects for the CleanwaterIowa.org website, social media posts, articles for news outlets, photography and editing site videos. The chosen candidate may be called upon to create maps, graphs and brochures to be used to communicate the accomplishments of the urban conservation program.

In addition to creating communication materials, the chosen candidate may have the opportunity to work with cities, communities and private landowners on urban stormwater projects in various stages. Stages of projects may include discussing conceptual plans, reviewing draft designs, attending field construction meetings and follow up maintenance observations.

This position includes some day travel. No overnight travel. Applicants must maintain a valid driver's license.

Location: Hoover State Office Building, Des Moines, Iowa
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Duration: May 2026 - December 2026 (not to exceed 480 hours)

Compensation: Up to \$14.00 per hour (qualification dependent)

Preferred Qualifications and Skills:

- Enrollment or recent graduate majoring in a field of study related to communications, public relations, conservation, sustainability, engineering, urban planning, landscape architecture, environmental or biological sciences, GIS.
- Interest in urban conservation programs, the environment and sustainability.
- Ability to communicate orally and in writing.

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Example Tasks:

- Preparing of outreach materials, written and digital (news articles, social media, editing video content)
- Creating graphs and charts
- GIS mapping
- Attending construction meetings and site observations
- Collaborating with cities and private landowners
- Reviewing design plans

Application Process:

Interested applicants should provide a cover letter and resume to Ann Seda at ann.seda@iowaagriculture.gov. Questions can also be directed to Ann at the same email address or by phone at (515) 401-4908.