



Internships with Environment California

If you want to spend the summer learning how to make a real impact on the decisions that affect the energy we use, the air we breathe, the water we drink and the places we love, apply for an internship with Environment California.

Who We Are, What We Do

There's something special about California. From Yosemite to the coast to the local splendor of Lake Berryessa and Stebbins Cold Canyon, our state is incredibly beautiful. Yet too many of these special places are under threat from development, including fracking proposals along the central coast. Local gems like Berryessa need a public spotlight to get the attention that they deserve.

Environment California is working to protect our beautiful places through research, advocacy, and by mobilizing the public support necessary to win positive change for the environment. We're working to permanently protect northern California's coast, expand Yosemite National Park, and preserve beautiful places statewide.

Our Interns Make a Difference

This is not your typical internship. Environment California interns lobby legislative staff, mobilize grassroots support for environmental causes, and work with our advocacy staff to write published reports and policy briefs on critical environmental issues. For example:

- This March, President Obama permanently protected the Stornetta Public Lands on California's north coast. Our interns played a key role to make Stornetta a presidential priority.
- Last year, a unanimous California State Legislature approved our resolution to expand Yosemite National Park because of the work our interns did lobbying legislative staff and securing the support we needed to win.
- Our interns' have co-authored reports and policy briefs to publicize ocean conservation opportunities, tell the stories of homeowners who've gone solar, and highlight institutions that are leading the way against climate change.

It's going to take a lot more work to meet and overcome our environmental challenges. That's where you come in!

Internship Description:

Each quarter, our interns:

- Work with Environment California staff to lobby decisionmakers, build strong coalitions, raise our organization's visibility, and mobilize our members to win key victories

- Research and analyze critical environmental problems; educate opinion leaders and the public about smart solutions
- Receive training in how to analyze environmental problems, advocate for smart solutions, and build public support for change
- Work closely with our Preservation Advocate, Nathan Weaver, an alumnus of UC Davis and Harvard Law School

This summer, we're recruiting for the following projects:

- *Protect Berryessa:* Work with our campaign and advocacy staff to build public support for permanently protecting the Lake Berryessa-Snow Mountain region as a national monument. Win support from local businesses, key stakeholders, and the general public. Persuade President Obama to Make Berryessa-Snow Mountain a conservation priority.
- *Don't Frack California:* Work with local governments to understand fracking's dangers. Build support for a statewide fracking ban with local elected officials and key constituencies. Help persuade Governor Brown to ban fracking statewide.

Location, hours, etc.

Summer interns typically work 30-40 hours per week for a minimum of 8 weeks. We are hiring for our Sacramento office, located at 1314 H Street, Suite 100A, in Downtown Sacramento.

Although Environment California's internships are unpaid, students may receive academic credit from their college or university. Environment California will also participate in college work-study programs.

An internship with Environment California gives you the training and the experience you need to land a job in the environmental movement after graduation. In fact, Environment California is one of 29 state groups that make up Environment America, a national environmental advocacy group. Each year, Environment America hires passionate, talented and committed recent college graduates to join our two year Fellowship Program.

Qualifications:

We are looking for juniors and seniors who care about our environment and are driven to preserve it for the future. We look for strong leadership skills, academic excellence, problem solving ability, top-notch written and verbal skills, eagerness to learn, and a sense of humor. We have a great training program, so no prior organizing experience is necessary, although if you have some that's great!

To learn more and apply online, visit: www.environmentcalifornia.org/internships.

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