

Working Lands Internship Program (WLIP)

The Working Lands Internship Program is designed to offer beginning agriculturalists, natural resources, biology, soils and range students a real-world, hands-on experience implementing educational tools already gained.

This paid internship lasts for three months during the summer. Interns will work, learn, and gain valuable insight from mentoring ranchers from across the state of Montana. A stipend will be given at the end of each month with room and board supplied by the mentoring ranch.

Priority will be given to Junior and Senior students enrolled full-time in Montana universities who are majoring in natural resource related fields.

Program Mission & Goals

The West is losing experienced land stewards. Our goal is to prepare the next generation of land stewards. In a unique opportunity, we are providing ranching experience and a rancher's pragmatic perspective on resource management to students who may later pursue careers in resource management in either government or the private sector.

Application packet must include:

- ✓ Current transcript
- ✓ One letter of recommendation
- ✓ Typed, one-page essay describing how this internship opportunity will further your educational experience
- ✓ Completed, fillable application included with this document

Deadline is February 1.

Please label all of your documents with your name.

To submit application packet:

Scan or save all documents to PDF and email to Stacey Barta, sbarta@mt.gov .

OR mail all documents to:

Stacey Barta, WLIP Coordinator
PO Box 414
Clyde Park, MT 59018

There are two parts to the application process:

- 1) approval of the application packet, and if approved
- 2) a phone interview in the following weeks after the application deadline

Working Lands Internship Program Student Application

CONTACT INFORMATION

Date

Name:

Mailing Address (please include city, state, zip):

Physical Address (if different from mailing address):

Permanent Address (If different from above):

Telephone/Cell Phone:

Email Address:

I can be reached at my current address until:

At the following times:

On the following days:

Age:

Sex: Male Female (This question is asked if more than one intern is stationed at the same location.)

Emergency Contact:

Relationship:

Emergency Contact Phone Number:

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Major and/or Minor(s):

Institution of Education:

I will be available for the full internship period of at least 10 to 12 weeks.

Beginning _____ and ending _____

Year in School:

Junior Senior Graduate Student

Do you plan on obtaining college credit for this internship? Yes No

Contact information for Advisor and/or Professor:

I have have not, had rangeland/natural resources and/or field experience.
Please detail your experience, if any:

I have have not, had experience working with livestock (cattle, horses, sheep, etc.)
Please detail your experience, if any:

I can bring the following equipment for my personal use at the site to which I am assigned (i.e. hiking/cowboy boots, hat, gloves, bedding, etc.):

Please list outdoor experience that you have had:

What are your agriculture and natural resource career goals (Please be as detailed as possible)?

What information and/or experience do you hope to obtain from this internship?

Please list any certified first-aid training that you have received, or may receive before site activation (Not a requirement, but useful):

You will be expected to provide your own transportation to the ranch. It is required to have a vehicle through the entire internship period. If this will not be possible, please explain:

The type of vehicle you will be bringing:

SIGNATURE

By signing below, I understand that there are stringent physical health requirements to be met by persons receiving a position and I certify by my signature on this application that I am in good health and have no physical defects, diseases, or problems that would affect my performance on ranch operations.

I certify that the information contained in this application is true and correct. I acknowledge that false information may result in denial of a temporary position.

Date:

Applicant Signature (electronic or hand-written)