



## ECOLOGY INTERN

### INTERN APPLICATION | UTAH OPEN LANDS

This is an unpaid internship that runs from May 15th, 2023 to July 28th, 2023.\* To apply for this internship, please complete the application below and email it to [alli.eroh@utahopenlands.org](mailto:alli.eroh@utahopenlands.org) with the subject line "Ecology Intern Application" alongside your resume.

\*We offer some flexibility in start and end dates for internships, if this internship date range conflicts with your schedule, potential accommodations can be discussed during the interview process.

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#### DESCRIPTION

Utah Open Lands (UOL) is seeking environmental assessment expertise for potential land conservation projects. This is a great opportunity to gain valuable experience in how ecosystem and habitat health assessments support land trust objectives. Projects result in protected open space through conservation easement acquisitions.

#### ORGANIZATIONAL BACKGROUND

We are a nationally accredited 501(c)3 non-profit land trust organization. Our organization was founded in 1990 and over the past 33 years we have protected over 64,000 acres of open space across 120 conservation easements across the state of Utah. Based in Salt Lake City, UT, our mission is to preserve, protect, and steward open space in order to maintain Utah's natural heritage and quality of life for present and future generations. This is achieved by assisting private landowners, government agencies, and communities in the voluntary preservation of the agricultural, scenic, recreational, historic, and wildlife values of open land.

#### INTERN TITLE

Ecology Intern

#### RESPONSIBLE TO

Maevlyn Stevens, Conservation Acquisitions & Land Protection Director

#### LOCATION

The Utah Open Lands office is located at 1488 S Main Street, Salt Lake City, UT, 84115. Field work locations are potentially several hours from Salt Lake City, but will not involve overnight travel.

#### TIME COMMITMENT

Part-time, flexible schedule, an average of 10 hours per week which includes office and field work. Internship runs from May 15, 2023- July 28, 2023.

#### BENEFITS

Although unpaid, this summer internship provides firsthand knowledge of land trust operations. UOL will work with interns to support requirements to earn academic credit through their educational institution. See Learning Objectives below for the specific skills/experience that this position will offer.

## **LEARNING OBJECTIVES**

- Intern will learn how to develop and improve relationships with a variety of partners including landowners, team members, and local, state, and federal government entities.
- Intern will learn how to support new project acquisitions with ecology-related data collection and analysis.
- Intern will learn how to effectively integrate habitat understanding with land management and conservation projects, practices, and outreach.

## **RESPONSIBILITIES**

- Assist with baseline assessments of potential land acquisitions.
- Perform fieldwork to collect and analyze data on environmental conditions, or to assess habitat. Identify and record habitat and species details. Assess wetland delineations.
- Perform data collection such as invasive and non-native species and social trail mapping.
- Support and engage with natural resource partners.
- Contribute to environmental curriculum, management plans, and restoration plans and projects, and sustainable practices.
- Assess the biodiversity of ecosystems and examine influencing factors.
- Use modeling techniques to assess the potential impact of ecosystem changes.
- Other duties as assigned.

## **QUALIFICATIONS**

- A passion for land conservation and the ability to represent Utah Open Lands to landowners, partners, and the public.
- Familiarity with Utah plant communities and interactions with the physical environment and animal populations. Specifically, an intermediate level understanding of local plant/wildlife identification.
- Preferred education in the field of Botany, Conservation Biology, Ecology, Environmental Studies, Environmental Sciences, Natural Resources, or related discipline. Equivalent paid or volunteer work experience is accepted in lieu of educational experience.
- Ability to work and travel independently to field locations.
- Ability to work outdoors in variable weather conditions, including the ability to walk moderate distances through varying terrain and vegetation.
- Working knowledge of Microsoft Office programs.
- Working knowledge of ArcGIS Pro and cartographic design a bonus, but not required.
- Analytical thinking and reasoning skills as well as excellent problem solving skills.
- Strong communication and organizational skills, with attention to detail.
- Strong interpersonal skills and ability to work with others.
- Ability to work independently, take initiative, juggle multiple priorities, and perform follow up.
- Covid inoculations (3)
- Willingness to use personal cell phone on the job.
- Valid Driver's License and access to a personal vehicle.\*

\*Intern will be reimbursed for travel to field locations and/or events based on mileage traveled.

## GENERAL INFORMATION

Full Name :

Address :

City :  State :

Zip :  Phone : (  ) -  -

E-mail :

## EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

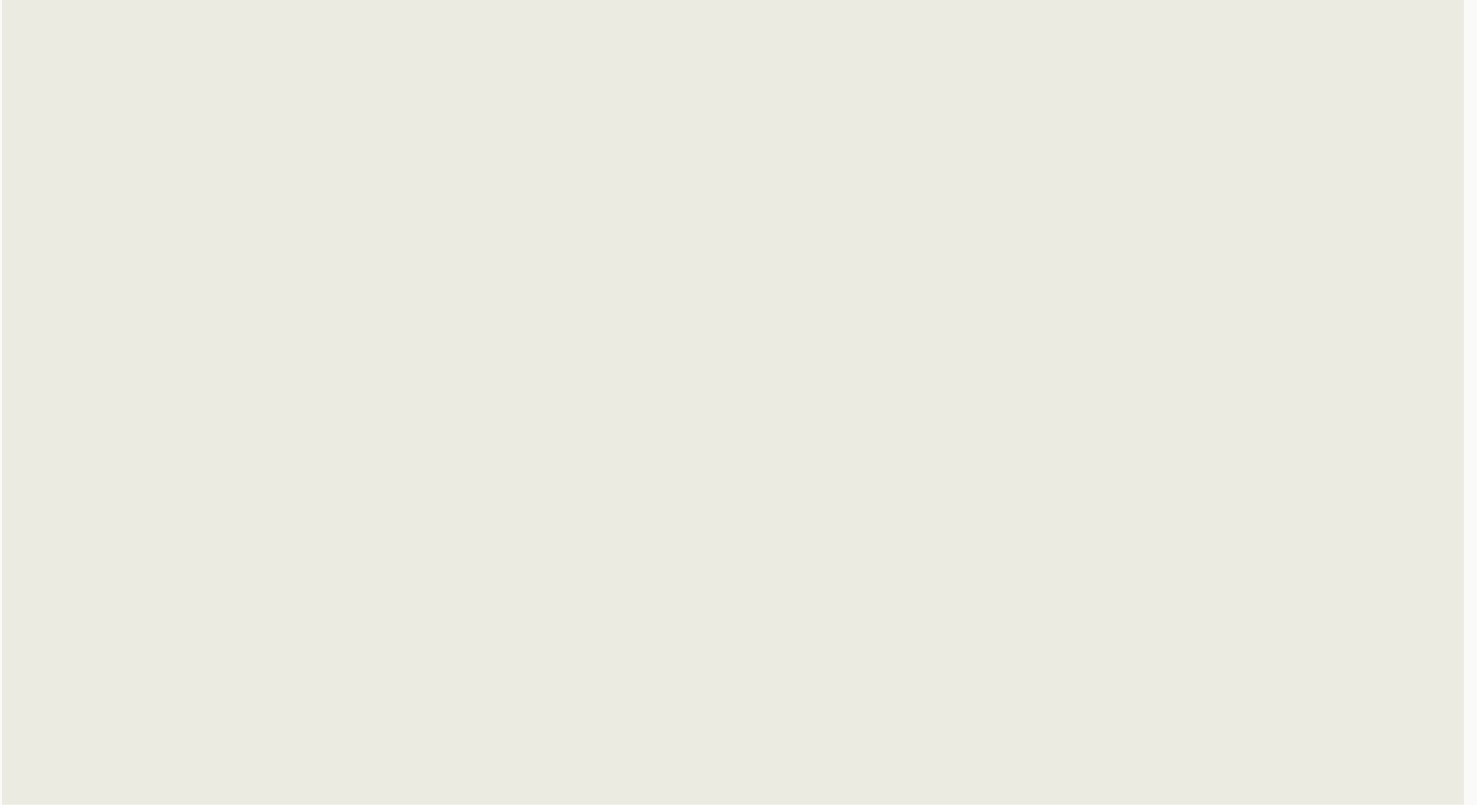
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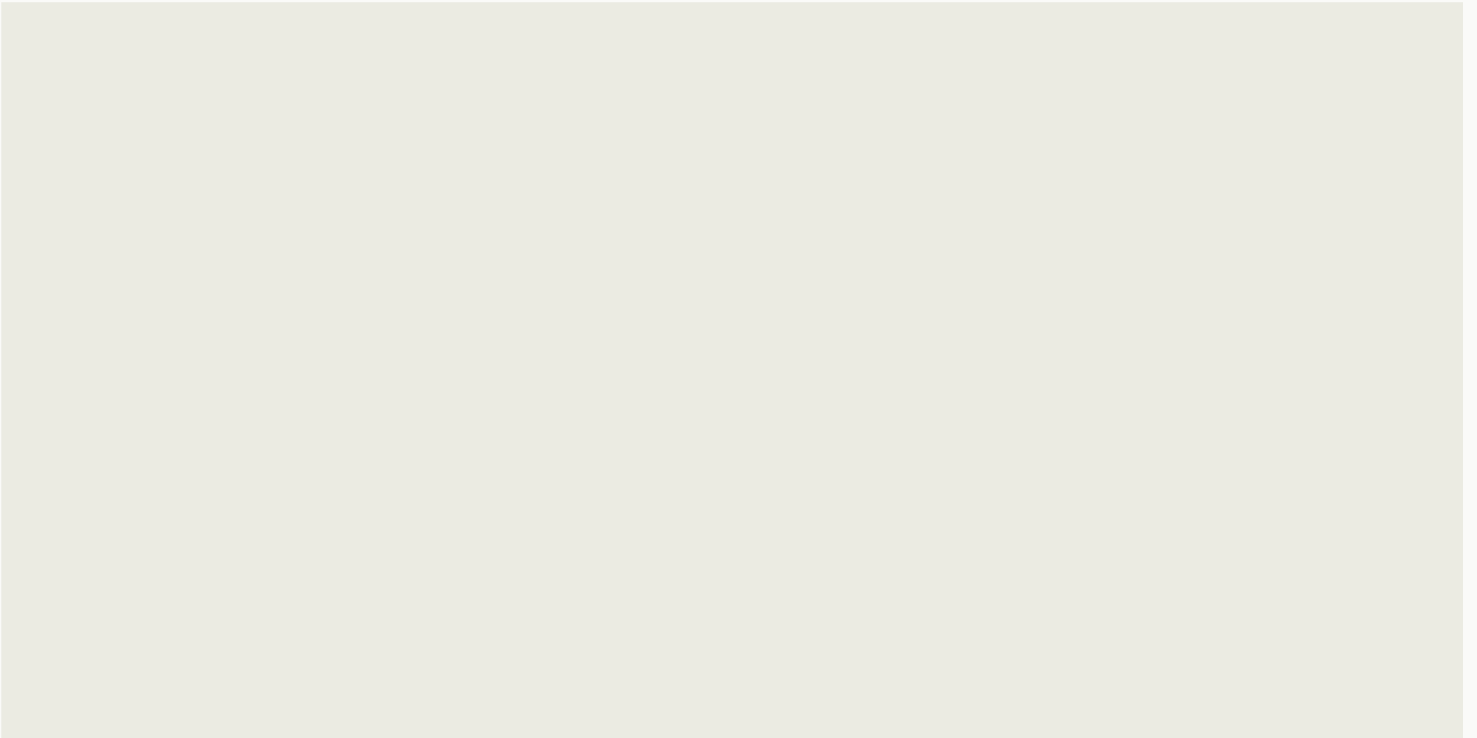
**PLEASE DESCRIBE ANY AVAILABILITY CONCERNS, ALTERNATIVE JOBS, ETC.**

**PLEASE DESCRIBE YOUR RELEVANT WORK AND/OR VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE**

**PLEASE DESCRIBE YOUR INTEREST IN UTAH OPEN LANDS**



**IS THERE ANYTHING ELSE THAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO SHARE?**



**FOR MORE INFORMATION**

Please visit Utah Open Lands' website at [UtahOpenLands.org](http://UtahOpenLands.org) or contact the Director of Community Engagement, Alli Eroh, via phone at (801)-463-6156 or via email at [Alli.Eroh@UtahOpenLands.org](mailto:Alli.Eroh@UtahOpenLands.org).