



WildEarth Guardians--2022 Spring Program and Department Interns/Externs

WildEarth Guardians is now recruiting for 2022 Spring Program Interns.

About WildEarth Guardians

WildEarth Guardians is a west-wide nonprofit environmental advocacy organization headquartered in Santa Fe, NM with offices in Denver, CO, Missoula, MT, Boise, ID, Seattle, WA, and Tucson, AZ. With a 30-year history of bold environmental action, we wage innovative legal, political, and grassroots campaigns to protect and restore wildlife, wild places, wild rivers, and community health in the American West.

Why spend a semester with WildEarth Guardians?

Guardians advocates in the courts, in the halls of Congress, and on the ground in western communities to secure stronger protections for landscapes, rivers, imperiled species, and healthy communities. We are known for developing and executing cutting edge litigation that serves as a lever for sweeping policy changes to combat the climate crisis, secure wildlife coexistence, restore living rivers, and stop extinction. Our work is housed in four program areas:

Wildlife. The wildlife program advocates for the intrinsic right of native species to thrive across the West. With a focus on protecting biodiversity and ensuring coexistence between native carnivores and people, we work to eliminate cruel and indiscriminate killing tools as well as to implement systemic change to ensure that wildlife is protected according to the best available science.

Wild Places. The wild places program works to protect and connect the West's vast landscapes. With a focus on federal public lands, we work to reclaim places for the wild and reconnect wildlife habitat and waterways for ecosystems to thrive.

Wild Rivers. The rivers program advocates for living rivers across the American West. With a focus on the Rio Grande, Colorado and Willamette River Basins as key geographies, we work to safeguard clean water, revive dynamic flows, reform western water policy, protect imperiled fish, wildlife and plants, and restore healthy and sustainable aquatic and riparian ecosystems to support all life.

Climate and Energy. The climate program advocates for a fossil-fuel free American West. We work to expose the true cost of oil and gas extraction and leverage environmental and health liabilities to advance climate justice.

Who are we looking for as a Spring Program or Department Intern?

Program or Department Interns/Externs work under the supervision of one of our experienced staff at WildEarth Guardians to assist with various aspects of advocacy, policy work, outreach,

communication, fundraising or administration. Program interns are typically charged with helping to implement program and department strategies and tactics including: conducting research, drafting communications, fundraising, and outreach materials, public outreach, crafting comments, and reviewing documents.

Spring and fall internships are generally unpaid, and can be coordinated for credit externships with the applicant's university or law school.

The following positions are currently available:

- **Rivers Program Intern** (Remote) -- The Rivers Program Intern will have the opportunity to work in the Wild Rivers Program under its director and attorney Jen Pelz and other rivers staff to further rivers priorities. The rivers program work focuses on protecting and restoring flows in western rivers (focusing on the Colorado River, Rio Grande and Willamette River) and reforming western water policy through strategic litigation, policy work, outreach and communications. Substantive work may include research and writing, outreach, communications (social and earned media), developing informational materials, and data and document review.
- **Southwest Wildlife Program Intern** (Remote, Santa Fe, NM, or Denver, CO) -- The Southwest Wildlife Program Intern will work with the Southwest Wildlife Advocate to further our wildlife priorities in Nevada, Colorado, New Mexico, and Arizona. These priorities include banning cruel trapping on public lands, ending wildlife killing contests, restoring wolves to their historical ranges, and reforming broken systems of wildlife governance. Substantive work may include outreach & community engagement, research and data analysis, writing, direct advocacy/lobbying, administrative assistance, online communications development, or other tasks as assigned and based on the intern's interests and skills.
- **Communications Intern-Earned Media** (Remote)** -- The Earned Media intern will work with the Communications team to further Guardians' impact and visibility with a focus on earned media strategies. Our small but mighty team is looking for someone who is passionate about conservation, environmental justice, and how information is shared through the media. As a part of the communications team, you will have the opportunity to support Guardians' work across all four program areas, as well as special campaigns. Responsibilities include but are not limited to:
 - Monitor news media and social media, compiling summaries of coverage
 - Researching journalists for targeted pitches and building media lists
 - Pitching reporters, editors, producers, bloggers
 - Conducting research on issue areas, online communities, media markets relevant to Guardians' work
 - Helping edit press releases, media advisories, pitches, fact sheets, op-eds, and other online content
 - Participate in creative brainstorm sessions and team meeting

- **Communications Intern - Social Media (Remote)**** -- The Social Media intern will work with the Communications team to further Guardians' impact and visibility with a focus on digital strategies. Our small but mighty is looking for someone who is passionate about conversation, environmental justice, and people are being moved to take action through social media. As a part of the communications team, you will have the opportunity to support Guardians' work across all four program areas, as well as special campaigns. Responsibilities include but are not limited to:
 - Drafting and scheduling social media posts for Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter
 - Participate in creative brainstorm sessions, bringing your own ideas of how Guardians can reach new audiences and build deeper engagement across social media
 - Compiling performance analytics
 - Scouring social media for new and creative ways organizations (peer or otherwise) are engaging their followers and raising attention for critical issues, including researching and writing up descriptions of digital tools and tactics and how they might further Guardians' Communications goals.
 - Sourcing images to be used across Guardians' online communications
 - If you have experience/interest in design, you may be asked to pitch in with creating graphic content for Guardians' online platform.

**Candidates are not expected to already have experience across areas of responsibilities. The Communications team will be providing training and mentorship to ensure our interns get to try new things and learn new skills. Come curious and ready to pitch in!

How to apply

To apply, please go to Guardians' internship page on our website and apply through the linked form. The application requires you to fill out the required information on the form (including providing 2 references) and upload the following: a cover letter, resume, unofficial transcript, and one recent writing sample (preferably not more than five pages that primarily reflects your work). Please indicate your preferred position(s), office location(s), and interest area(s) on the form. Interested students may apply to multiple opportunities/offices through one form. Please make your preference(s) clear.

Incomplete applications will not be considered.

Link to website: <https://wildearthguardians.org/about-us/internships/>