

WATER POLICY INTERNSHIP

Description

The Water Policy Internship is an opportunity for an undergraduate student from the University of Idaho to explore scientific and public policy research related to water resources management. The internship is a partnership between the James A. and Louise McClure Center for Public Policy Research and the Idaho Water Resources Research Institute (IWRRI), both at the University of Idaho. The Water Policy Intern will gain real-world research experience, a connection to career opportunities related to policy and water research, a better understanding of how policy is made and executed and experience translating research for policy makers and the general public. This opportunity will connect the Water Policy Intern with entities such as the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality, Idaho Department of Water Resources, University of Idaho Rangeland Center, The Nature Conservancy, Idaho Conservation League, Idaho Environmental Forum and City Club of Boise. The Water Policy Intern will engage with the McClure Center director and IWRRI in advance of the internship to determine scope.

The Water Policy Intern may:

- Work with IWRRI researchers – for example, at the Rinker Rock Creek Ranch in Hailey, Idaho – to gather and organize data related to water and its connection to land management;
- Research and analyze policy information related to water management in Idaho;
- Conduct a literature review and/or interviews with key stakeholders to learn more about related policy and public perception;
- Write informational and educational fact sheets about research and policy findings;
- Connect research to public events and
- Synthesize and communicate findings to the public, non-profit organizations and/or decision makers through grey literature, social media and/or presentation(s).

Details

- This is at least a 20 hour/week, 8 week paid internship during summer 2021.
- The Water Policy Intern may spend time working with McClure Center staff in Boise.
- The Water Policy Intern may spend a portion of the summer working with IWRRI researchers at a non-Moscow location.

Benefits to the student

- Real-world research experience.
- Connections to career opportunities related to public policy and water research.
- Connections to University of Idaho faculty and professionals in public policy and water research.

Required student qualifications

- An interest in water research and its connection to policy.
- Upper-level course work in biology, ecology, engineering, environmental sciences, geology, hydrology, mathematics, statistics, water resources or related fields.
- Good academic standing, with a 3.0 or higher GPA.
- Letter of interest, resume, three references and transcript.