



## WASHOE COUNTY HEALTH DISTRICT PAID INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITY

Washoe County Health District Vector-Borne Diseases Program (VBDP) has several Internship positions available.

- Positions are seasonal (7 months) 40 hours/weekly during summer (June, July and August) and some hours in April, May, September and October. Start date will be Monday, April 15 – end date will be Thursday, October 31.
- Potential for rehire each season until completion of your degree program.
- Applicants must be enrolled in Biology, Agricultural Sciences, Natural Sciences, Geography, GIS, a related degree program or related course work.

Interns will assist with mosquito and plague prevention programs. Regular duties consist of:

- Applying control products for mosquito and flea control;
- Sampling wetlands, ditches, storm drains and other areas for mosquito larvae;
- Mapping areas for helicopter applications; and
- Operating handheld GIS devices to track applications.

Additional potential duties:

- Field and Laboratory work;
  - Set CO2 mosquito traps, ID mosquitoes to species level and submit to state lab for virus testing;
  - Take blood samples from sentinel chickens and test for virus in our lab (Elisa);
- Raise and distribute mosquito fish (Gambusia); and
- Dusting of rodent tunnels to eradicate fleas.

Desirable candidates will be able to:

- Safely operate a motor vehicle with a trailer. A valid driver's license is required;
  - Absolutely no major traffic offenses;
- Safely apply control products, perform all calculations and record all data for regulatory compliance;
- Work early mornings – 7 AM is the regular start time. Some days as early as 4 AM for mosquito fogging (on these scheduled days, the option is given for early leave or a short Friday);
- Be able to operate, with training, pesticide equipment including trunk mounted mosquito foggers, GIS devices, ATVs and other application equipment;
- Walk considerable distances regularly – ride a bike to treat storm drains with mosquito control tablets; and
- Lift 50 lbs (loading control products into helicopter).

Positions start mid-April and can run through end of October. Work can be arranged around school schedules in the spring and fall. You will be expected to work 40 hours during summer months (June, July and August).

Interested applicants should contact Susan @ [sschroeder@washoecounty.us](mailto:sschroeder@washoecounty.us) or 775-328-2434 (Option #8) for an application. Closing date for applicants is Thursday, February 28.