



Position Title: Ecological Restoration Summer Internship

Location: Modesto, Chico, Sacramento, or San Diego CA

Status: Full-time, hourly

Dates: 6/2023 through 8/2023, start date flexible

Duration: 8 weeks, possibility of extension

Reports to: Restoration Biologist

A thriving future for California's environment and communities requires bold vision, creative problem-solving, and relentless determination. This is a critical decade for action and River Partners is growing our team of talented, tenacious change-makers to meet the challenge head on. Join us!

What We Do:

We give new life to river landscapes that protect communities from damaging floods, support diverse wildlife populations, and connect people to water. We design and deliver large river restoration projects across California, using bulldozers and tractors, tablets and binoculars, all for the benefit of communities and natural resources. As the largest habitat restoration contractor in western North America, we are gearing up to head back to work as community-based, green economic stimulus.

Organizational Summary:

River Partners helps local communities revitalize rivers across the state of California. We are a private, non-profit organization with offices in Chico, Sacramento, Turlock, and San Diego. As a project-focused company, we believe in the power of demonstrating environmental improvement through large-scale river restoration and empowering others through partnership and collaboration.

Position Description:

The Restoration Scholar Intern works as part of River Partners' Science Team to support, implement, and monitor our habitat restoration projects on California's rivers. This position provides a great opportunity to learn about large scale horticultural restoration, vegetation monitoring techniques, riparian ecology, GIS applications, and riparian plant and animal identification. Restoration Scholars spend time hiking outdoors collecting and analyzing plant and wildlife data within our adaptive management framework to help design better habitat restoration projects in the future.

This position requires long strenuous days monitoring vegetation in the summer heat, data entry and management, and a self-directed research project pertaining to riparian restoration.

Forty-hour workweeks will be expected and early morning workdays starting at 6 am are not uncommon for this position. During the summer months River Partners works 4, 10-hour days each week. Housing is not provided.

Qualifications:

- Applicant must be a student (or recent graduate) pursuant of a degree and hold a valid driver's license.
- Successful applicants must possess the ability to hike long distances over rough terrain often in summer temperatures exceeding 90 degrees (F).
- Ability to take direction, work independently, possess a strong work ethic, and maintain a willingness to learn and a desire to gain experience.
- Strong verbal and written communication skills.
- Previous field experience is desirable, but not required.
- Preference will be given to applicants who have a connection to the Central Valley and places



that River Partners works, a knowledge of native and invasive riparian plants and wildlife, experience with handheld GPS units and GIS software, and experience with data entry (using excel, ArcPad, ArcGIS) and data management.

Compensation:

The rate for this position is \$15.50/hour.

To Apply:

Please submit a cover letter, resume, and contact information for three references in a PDF saved with applicant's last name and location applying (i.e., Last name, Chico Ecological Internship2023) to jobs@riverpartners.org.

Application Deadline: 04/14/2023

If you are interested in applying or want to learn more, please visit our website:

<https://riverpartners.org/about-us/careers/>

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