

Title: Ecological Restoration Summer Internship Dates: 6/2022 through 8/2022 Duration: 8 weeks, possibility of extension Location: Chico, Sacramento, Turlock, San Diego CA Salary/Rate: Full time \$15/hr Reports to: Restoration Biologist	
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Do you love the Central Valley? Are you passionate about creating a healthy environment where communities thrive? Do you believe in the power of rivers to connect people or the power of people to restore rivers? Do you get excited about working with diverse teams – like scientists, farmers, and entrepreneurs who turn big ideas into action? If you answered yes to these questions, River Partners wants to hear from you. Notwithstanding our noteworthy accomplishments and awards, the single best thing about River Partners is our people. Our staff is committed, creative, collaborative, and diverse. Together, we produce tangible, lasting results.

### **Who We Are**

A tenacious nonprofit founded in 1998, River Partners brings life back to California rivers. We advance an innovative model of conservation that harnesses the power of restored riverways to create a thriving future for the state's environment and communities. We revive river landscapes, build critical wildlife corridors, and inspire hope for a healthy future. We advance this bold vision by blending modern farming practices, cutting-edge science, and diverse alliances. Each year, we plant hundreds of thousands of native trees and plants across thousands of acres. We are growing fast and looking for passionate individuals to help us increase the pace and scale of restoration. Why We Do It Healthy rivers are essential for a vibrant California. They provide fresh water for growing our food, economy, communities, and wildlife found nowhere else. Rivers support more species and in greater numbers than any other ecosystem in California – making our state a worldwide biodiversity hotspot. Yet just 5% of our native riverside habitat remains. What's left needs reviving. The actions we take during this decade will decide California's future. With their exponential benefits for wildlife, natural resources, and communities, healthy rivers are critical for a flourishing Golden State for generations to come.

### **Why Our Work Matters**

Our work supports a range of wins for wildlife, flood safety, climate resiliency, water conservation, healthy communities, and local economies statewide. This includes supporting the recovery of dozens of imperiled species, boosting flood safety for communities in flood-prone regions, and growing California's climate resilience by planting more than 2.5 million trees that capture 1 million tons of greenhouse gases each year. We have led hundreds of major projects in more than 20 watersheds across nearly 17,000 acres throughout California. River Partners has restored more habitat along impaired California rivers than anyone else in the West.

### **Position Description**

The Intern works as part of River Partners' Science Team to support implement and monitor our habitat restoration projects on California's rivers. Summer interns 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 entails long strenuous days monitoring vegetation in the summer heat, data entry and management, and a self-directed research project pertaining to riparian restoration. To qualify, you must be a student working towards a degree.

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This is a paid opportunity for eight weeks during summer of 2022. Successful employment through 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. Forty-hour work weeks will be expected and early morning workdays starting at 6 am are not uncommon for this position. Housing is not provided.

We will be accepting applications until April 15, 2022. Start dates for the position are flexible. Please submit a cover letter, resume, and contact information for three references in a single word document or PDF saved with applicant's last name and Location applying (i.e. Last name, Chico Ecological Internship2022) to: [jobs@riverpartners.org](mailto:jobs@riverpartners.org)

If you are interested in applying or want to learn more, please visit our website:  
<http://riverpartners.org>

**Qualifications:**

Intern must be a student 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).

Successful applicants must also have the 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 are a must. 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. Previous field experience is desirable, but not required.

To apply send your resume & cover letter to:  
[jobs@riverpartners.org](mailto:jobs@riverpartners.org)

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