Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District

JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

Conservation Biology Intern
(Inventory and Monitoring)

Pay Rate: $21.9638 per hour, Non-benefited

Final Filing Date: Sunday, February 21, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.

About the Position: The Conservation Biology Intern responsibilities include identifying plant (and wildlife species) in the field, following plant survey protocols, GIS mapping, researching and preparing written summaries of local species, collecting and organizing data in spreadsheets and databases. Work duties will provide training in a broad range of natural resource management techniques, environmental analysis, habitats, and tools.

About Midpen: Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District (Midpen) manages a regional greenbelt system in the Santa Cruz Mountain region comprised of over 65,000 acres of land in 26 open space preserves, protected for public enjoyment and recreation. Midpen is a growing organization with a focused mission that guides our work, and where every employee makes an impact. It’s an exciting time to be part of Midpen’s team! If you are looking for a challenging opportunity to contribute to the legacy of open space preservation and recreation, we invite you to apply for this position. To learn more about Midpen, visit our website, OpenSpace.org, and view our “Working for Midpen” video on our Jobs page.

Benefits: This is a temporary position working 20 – 40 hours per week, which will extend up to a total of 950 hours over a 6-9 month period. This is a non-benefited position.

Basic Requirements: Internships are open to applications from current students or recent graduates (within the last 12 months). Successful candidates will have a background in botany, biology, ecology, environmental studies, or another related field; and experience with field survey techniques. This natural resource focused internship requires the ability to identify plants (and common wildlife) of California as well as the skill in interpreting scientific reports and writing summaries. Experience with ArcGIS software and mapping natural resources with GPS equipment are a plus. Possession of or ability to obtain a valid California driver’s license is required.

Working Conditions: This position will be divided between at home office work and field visits to survey, map, and collect field data. During this time of COVID-19 restrictions and care for our employees’ health, Midpen employees are working remotely. However, once restrictions are lifted this position will operate in the Natural Resources Department at Midpen offices in Los Altos, California. Work will include field visits to survey, map, and collect field data. Fieldwork is conducted in rural or mountainous District open space areas, which may involve working alone in wild land areas and traversing rough, difficult terrain sometimes with poison oak and dense vegetation.

How to Apply: Apply online at CalOpps.org. The following four application items are required in order to be considered for the position:

1. CalOpps Employment application
2. Cover Letter
3. Resume

Incomplete applications will not be considered for the position. Applicants with the most relevant experience and qualifications suitable for the position will be contacted for interviews.

Virtual Interviews are planned for March 4, 2021. We suggest planning your calendar accordingly.

Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District is an Equal Opportunity Employer
Applicants with disabilities may request reasonable accommodation by contacting the Human Resources department at 650-691-1200.

Put your passion for Open Space to work!