2015 ARS SUMMER INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

The USDA-ARS, Soil Drainage Research Unit in Columbus, Ohio is accepting applications for one intern position as part of the 2015 ARS Summer Internship Program. We are seeking motivated undergraduate students interested in pursuing a career in aquatic ecology or environmental science. The intern will obtain hands-on experience in conducting research in aquatic ecology and environmental science and will assist with research projects examining the ecological, hydrological, and chemical responses of agricultural streams to conservation and drainage practices intended to reduce nutrient, pesticide, and sediment loadings. Primary job duties will include, but are not limited to: 1) assisting with field sampling of fishes, mussels, and other aquatic animals; 2) assisting with field measurements of instream, geomorphology, and riparian habitat variables; and 3) assisting with collection of water samples for the measurement of nutrients, pesticides, and turbidity. Due to the nature of the research being conducted job duties will involve: 1) carrying up to 40 lbs of equipment within soft-bottomed agricultural streams and adjacent riparian habitats while wearing chest waders and 2) periodically working weekends.

Applicants must be U. S. citizens, currently enrolled in college, and continuing in college after the 2015 summer in order to be eligible for the internship. On-the-job training will be provided so that interns can perform the expected duties of the position. The position will be filled at the GS-1 grade level ($10.20 per hour) and is a full time position (40 hours per week). The internship will last for at least eight weeks and may be extended if funding is available. Additional benefits associated with the position include paid federal holidays.

To apply please email your resume, a copy of your academic transcripts, and a statement (no more than three pages single spaced) that describes your career goals and why you are interested in this position to Dr. Rocky Smiley (rocky.smiley@ars.usda.gov). The subject line of your application email needs to state 2015 Summer Internship Application. A review of applications will begin on April 13, 2015 and will continue until a suitable candidate is found.

The Soil Drainage Research Unit develops and demonstrates integrated water management, crop management, and conservation practice systems. For further information on the Soil Drainage Research Unit see the following webpage:

www.ars.usda.gov/main/site_main.htm?modecode=36-04-00-00

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