

# Working Lands Internship Program



The Montana Rangeland Resources Committee and the Rangeland Resources Program at DNRC are excited to announce a unique opportunity for students and ranch owners. Selected students will have the opportunity to spend two weeks at six host ranch operations. This 12 week summer internship is designed to offer beginning agriculturalists, natural resource and range specialists, biologists, soils majors or any student looking into natural resources, the real-world and hands-on experience implementing the educational tools already known to a ranching operation.

Ranch owners and managers will serve as mentors to program participants. The program will specifically be targeted at those hoping for employment with land management agencies and other conservation organizations, with an expectation that those seeking opportunities to manage, or own ranches would see benefits of participating in the program as well.

This internship program will directly benefit participants, agencies, agriculture and the broader community that relies on well-managed lands.

Both students and ranch hosts are encouraged to apply for this program. For more information contact: Stacey Barta  
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For more information, visit the link: [http://dnrc.mt.gov/divisions/cardd/conservation-districts/rangeland-resource-program/copy\\_of\\_InternPlanMT.pdf](http://dnrc.mt.gov/divisions/cardd/conservation-districts/rangeland-resource-program/copy_of_InternPlanMT.pdf)

Aspects of this internship were also featured in an article by Prairie Populist: <http://prairiepopulist.org/dnrc-rangeland-education-program/>

**Application Deadline** is February 1st



This internship is sponsored by efforts of the Rangeland Resources Program, Montana's Department of Natural Resources and Conservation, and the Natural Resources Conservation Service.



# Application Information

## Student Applicants:

This paid internship will last for 12 weeks during the summer where interns will work and learn from mentoring ranchers from across the state of Montana. A wage will be paid at the end of each month with room and board supplied by the host ranch. Students majoring in any natural resource related field are recommended to apply for this opportunity.

## Internship Highlights:

- Free housing plus wages
- Networking with ranchers, agency personnel and more
- Hands-On Working Lands Experience in a ranch environment
- 1-3 College Credit Hours Available (student is responsible for applying to obtain credit hours)

## Student Application:

<http://dnrc.mt.gov/divisions/cardd/conservation-districts/rangeland-resource-program/MTRangelandInternshipProgramApplication2019.pdf>



## Ranch Hosts:

As part of the infrastructure of the program, participating mentors are being sought to provide program interns with the hands-on learning experience that the program outlines. Mentors are expected to teach students and provide them with experiential learning opportunities as well as occasions for them to network and interface with other individuals throughout the summer (other ranchers, federal and state agency representatives that the ranchers work with, etc.). Ranch hosts will be expected to provide housing for the selected student for two weeks during the summer.

## Ranch Host Application:

[http://dnrc.mt.gov/divisions/cardd/conservation-districts/rangeland-resource-program/Mentor\\_RangelandInternshipProgramApplication2019.pdf](http://dnrc.mt.gov/divisions/cardd/conservation-districts/rangeland-resource-program/Mentor_RangelandInternshipProgramApplication2019.pdf)