

Working Lands Internship Program

The Working Lands Internship Program is designed to offer beginning agriculturalists, natural resources, biology, soils and range students a real-world, hands-on experience implementing educational tools already gained.

This paid internship lasts for three months during the summer. Interns will work, learn, and gain valuable insight from mentoring ranchers from across the state of Montana. A stipend will be given at the end of each month with room and board supplied by the mentoring ranch. Sophomore, junior, senior or grad students majoring in any natural resource related field are encouraged to apply.

Program Mission & Goals

The West is losing experienced land stewards. Our goal is to prepare the next generation of land stewards. In a unique opportunity, we are providing ranching experience and a rancher's pragmatic perspective on resource management to students who may later pursue careers in resource management in either government or the private sector.

Application packet must include:

- ☐ Current transcript-unofficial is fine
- ☐ One letter of recommendation
- ☐ Typed, one-page essay describing how this internship opportunity will further your educational experience
- ☐ Completed, fillable application included with this document

Deadline is February 1.

Please label all of your documents with your name.

To submit application packet:

Scan or save all documents to PDF and email to Stacey Barta, sbarta@mt.gov .

OR mail all documents to:

Stacey Barta, Program Coordinator

P.O. Box 414

Clyde Park, MT 59018

There are two parts to the application process:

- 1) approval of the application packet, and if approved
- 2) a phone interview in the following weeks after the application deadline

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Student Application

CONTACT INFORMATION

Date: [Click or tap to enter a date.](#)

Name: [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

Mailing Address (please include city, state, zip):

[Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

Physical Address (if different from mailing address):

[Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

Permanent Address (If different from above):

[Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

Telephone/Cell Phone: [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

Email Address: [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

I can be reached at my current address until: [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

At the following times: [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

On the following days: [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

Age: [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

Sex: ☐ Male ☐ Female (This question is asked if more than one intern is stationed at the same location.)

Emergency Contact: [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

Relationship: [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

Emergency Contact Phone Number: [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Major and/or Minor(s): [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

Institution of Education: [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

☐ I will be available for the full internship period of at least 10 to 12 weeks.

Beginning [Click or tap here to enter text.](#) and ending [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

Year in School:

☐ Sophomore ☐ Junior ☐ Senior ☐ Graduate Student

Do you plan on obtaining college credit for this internship? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Contact information for Advisor and/or Professor:

[Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

☐ I have ☐ have not, had rangeland/natural resources and/or field experience.

Please detail your experience, if any:

[Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

☐ I have ☐ have not, had experience working with livestock (cattle, horses, sheep, etc.)

Please detail your experience, if any:

[Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

I can bring the following equipment for my personal use at the site to which I am assigned (i.e. hiking/cowboy boots, hat, gloves, bedding, etc.):

[Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

Please list outdoor experience that you have had:

[Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

What are your agriculture and natural resource career goals (Please be as detailed as possible)?

[Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

What information and/or experience do you hope to obtain from this internship?

[Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

Please list any certified first-aid training that you have received, or may receive before site activation (Not a requirement, but useful):

[Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

You will be expected to provide your own transportation to the ranch. It is required to have a vehicle through the entire internship period. If this will not be possible, please explain:

[Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

The type of vehicle you will be bringing: [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

SIGNATURE

By signing below, I understand that there are stringent physical health requirements to be met by persons receiving a position and I certify by my signature on this application that I am in good health and have no physical defects, diseases, or problems that would affect my performance on ranch operations.

I certify that the information contained in this application is true and correct. I acknowledge that false information may result in denial of a temporary position.

Date [Click or tap to enter a date.](#)

Applicant Signature (electronic or hand-written)