

ELEVATION SCIENCE SUMMER INTERNSHIP PROGRAM



WHO WE ARE

Elevation Science Institute is a nonprofit organization dedicated to paleontology and natural history research, education, and outreach. We harness the universal appeal of dinosaurs to engage people of all ages and backgrounds to promote the earth and natural sciences.

OUR PROGRAM

Elevation Science Institute's Summer Internship Program creates extensive opportunities for interns to enhance their understanding of techniques and skills associated with field paleontology. Interns work not only in the field at fossil sites with volunteers from all over the world but also behind-the-scenes with Elevation Science Institute staff as they develop the skills needed to facilitate a large scale paleontological field expedition. As their skills develop, interns will be given greater responsibilities and opportunities to explore their own paleontological questions. Fieldwork routinely includes mapping, excavation, preservation (jacketing, etc.) and prospecting while camp-based activities may include equipment/gear maintenance, evening classroom instruction and resource documentation. Both in-class and field opportunities require frequent interaction with expedition members.

WHAT OUR INTERNS DO



Field Paleontology

- Lead field site operations, including identification & excavation of fossil resources
- Produce effective field maps & documentation
- Conduct research to support Elevation Science goals & field operations



Expedition Management

- Create and execute detailed field plans
- Prepare field operations budgets
- Coordinate weekly expedition team members and daily visitors
- Act as guest liaison for expedition members



SciComm & Outreach

- Produce content for various Elevation Science social media channels and develop personal channels to support future endeavors
- Engage with the public in-person at pop-up museums
- Assist with educational presentations

APPLICATIONS DUE BY MIDNIGHT (ET), FEBRUARY 11th

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GENERAL INFORMATION

LOCATION

Base camp is located at the Yellowstone-Bighorn Research Association in Red Lodge, MT with field operations usually occurring in the Bighorn Basin along the MT/WY border between the Beartooth and Pryor mountain ranges.

DURATION typically ~June 19- August 13

HOUSING & MEALS

Housing & meals at YBRA is provided to interns at no cost. Interns live in semi-private cabins at YBRA, and will have access to wi-fi, onsite laundry and limited refrigerator/freezer space. Meals and snacks acquired off site will be at the intern's cost, except in cases of Team meals. *Limited dietary restrictions can be accommodated by YBRA (vegetarian & vegan). Intern will be responsible for acquiring additional items at their own cost.

COMPENSATION

Interns are paid \$13/hour and expected to work 40 hours per week. Elevation Science will also provide up to \$500 reimbursement for travel.

VEHICLE & DRIVER'S LICENSE REQUIREMENTS

A personal vehicle is not required for this position. A driver's license is recommended.

INTERNSHIP CREDIT

Interns wishing to earn undergraduate or graduate credit for their work should consult their respective educational institution's policies and procedures. While Elevation Science Institute is willing to act as a sponsor for such efforts, coordination with the home institution is the primary responsibility of the student, not Elevation Science Institute.

SELECTION PROCESS

JAN- FEB 11 Application window open, followed by a 3-week review period.

FEB 29 & MAR 1 Interviews

Applicants that pass first round will have interviews (Zoom) with Elevation Science Institute staff

March 4 Final selection & notification

NOTE: Final selection of successful interns will require a criminal background check and health insurance.

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WHO MAY APPLY

All applicants must be U.S. citizens currently enrolled in or recent graduates of undergraduate or graduate studies in a paleontology-related field (biology, geology, etc.) at an accredited college or university with at least one year completed by the time the internship starts.

- Interns must be able to demonstrate a history of positive, post-secondary academic achievement in a paleontology-related course of study
- Interns must be able to work outdoors in stressful and/or adverse weather conditions (especially high heat) for extended periods of time in rugged, arid terrain. Typical activities include hiking, digging, jacketing, lifting and carrying heavy supplies and equipment not in excess of 40 lbs.
- Interns will be expected to effectively communicate and interact with the public (especially expedition participants) and represent the Elevation Science Institute at social, radio/TV or online events. Strong interpersonal skills are a necessity.
- Interns should have experience creating content for social media platforms including Facebook and Instagram.

WHEN TO APPLY

Applications will be accepted through midnight, Eastern Time, **February 11th**. Incomplete and late applications will not be considered.

HOW TO APPLY

Apply using the link at elevationscience.org/intern.

You will need to include/attach the following:

- Current CV or resume
- Most current unofficial transcript of all post-secondary coursework
- Two letters of recommendation from individuals that can attest to your personal and professional abilities. **Note** - alumni of Elevation Science Institute's 'Field Paleontology' course are only required to provide one letter of reference.

Concisely answer personal statement questions:

- Why does this particular internship interest you?
- What skills/interests would you bring to the organization?
- What do you hope to gain personally and professionally from this experience?
- Given the opportunity to develop your own scientific project, what would that topic be and why?

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