

Position Description

**Title: Biological Field Interns Reports To: Field and Research Manager;
Pennsylvania Coldwater Habitat Restoration Program**

Dept: Eastern Conservation

About Trout Unlimited

Today, Trout Unlimited is a national organization with more than 150,000 volunteers organized into about 400 chapters nationwide. This dedicated grassroots army is matched by a respected staff of organizers, lawyers, policy experts and scientists, who work out of more than 30 offices. Our mission is to conserve, protect and restore North America's coldwater fisheries and their watersheds.

Position Summary

Trout Unlimited (TU) is seeking qualified individuals to serve as full-time biological field seasonal interns from mid-May to August 2018 for the Pennsylvania Coldwater Habitat Restoration Program. TU's Pennsylvania Coldwater Habitat Restoration Program targets the improvement of coldwater habitat viability and availability for native brook trout across the commonwealth. To accomplish this, TU staff work to improve water quality through abandoned coal mine cleanup; reduce non-point source sediment pollution through streambank stabilization, riparian reforestation, installation of instream habitat structures, and improvement of dirt and gravel roads; increase flood resiliency and aquatic organism passage through addressing problematic road-stream crossings. The biological field intern positions are based out of TU's field office in Lock Haven, PA, and will report directly to the Field and Research Manager for daily work tasks, but will coordinate and work on projects as a team member with all staff.

Duties and Responsibilities

- Collect field data through activities such as electrofishing, benthic macroinvertebrate surveys, water quality sampling, and fish habitat surveys.
- Assist in stream habitat improvement projects
- Provide data entry and database management, as well as prepare maps and assist with reports.
- Represent TU and its mission when meeting with landowners, volunteers, and other partners
- Assistance to other program staff as needed.

Qualifications

- Excellent organizational and time management skills
- Outstanding interpersonal and written communication skills.
- Demonstrated ability to work effectively as both a team player and independently.

- Willingness to travel (frequently overnight) and be capable of hiking and carrying equipment in difficult terrain and working in inclement conditions and remote locations.
- Proficient with Microsoft Office programs.
- Valid driver's license.
- Passion for protecting and restoring trout populations and their watersheds.

Compensation

The intern will be compensated with a stipend of \$4,300 for a 12 week term. If the intern is unable to work the full 12 weeks, the stipend amount will be amended accordingly. Travel-related expenses will be reimbursable, such as mileage incurred when using a personal vehicle to and from project sites.

How to Apply

- Please send a letter of interest and resume to Dr. Shawn Rummel at srummel@tu.org no later than Monday, April 9, 2018. Include "Biological Field Intern" in the subject line. No phone calls please.
- This is not an all-inclusive list of duties and responsibilities.
- TU is an Equal Employment Opportunity & Affirmative Action Employer pursuant to Section 503 of the Rehabilitation Act & Vietnam Era Veterans Readjustment Assistant Act.
- TU hires staff without regard to race, color, religion, national origin, age, gender, sexual orientation, marital status or disability.