



### **Paid Summer Law Internship (40 hours per week)**

**Job Title:** Transboundary environmental science and policy intern

**Compensation:** \$10.00 per hour plus room and board (valued at \$2600)

**Dates:** June 19- August 11, 2023

#### **Internship Description:**

- This intern will be working with FLBS personnel to tangibly link science with environmental policy and law, working on case studies of on-the-ground environmental policy issues in the cross-border Flathead and Kootenai River Basins, and greater transboundary Crown of the Continent region. Potential current issues to work on include;
  - Legal context, data needs, natural resource damages assessment, and environmental impact assessment of mountain-top removal coal mining in the transboundary Elk/Kootenai River Basin
  - Indian Law with respect to traditional territory uses, treaty rights and federal consultation for environmental impacts in the transboundary Flathead and Elk/Kootenai River Basins
  - Superfund law, data and interpretation through the lens of local and regional case studies
  - International Treaty across the US and Canada
  - Clean Water Act; rule-making, implementation and enforcement and legal standing as pertains to compliance, enforcement, containment and long-term management
  - The interface of protective land designations, jurisdictional mandate and environmental issues that cross jurisdictional boundaries (e.g.; oil train transport, aquatic invasive species, T&E species, climate change)
- The internship will provide opportunities to apply law and policy to high priority environmental issues in the Flathead Basin and greater Crown of the Continent Ecosystem. The intern will gain experience in environmental data collection and research in this region and how these data inform policy and management, while having the opportunity to contribute legal expertise and capacity to leading regional environmental issues. Relevant laws and treaties include, but are not limited to, the Clean Water Act, Clean Air Act, Endangered Species Act, National Environmental Policy Act, Superfund Law, Boundary Waters Treaty and International Migratory Bird Treaty.

#### **Qualifications:**

- Must have completed first year of UM Law School, but prefer at least two years of law school
- An interest in how scientific data and analysis intersect with policy and law. T

- The best fit will be for someone interested in some aspect in Natural Resource, Environment, Water, Indian, or International law.

**How to Apply** (application deadline: Feb 17, 2023):

Send a cover letter, resume, and contact information for two references to Erin Sexton at [erin.sexton@flbs.umt.edu](mailto:erin.sexton@flbs.umt.edu)

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