



Paid Summer Internship (40 hours per week)

Job Title: Aquatic Ecology Field and Lab Internship

Compensation: \$10.55 per hour plus room and board (valued at \$3000)

Dates: June 16- August 8, 2025

Internship Description:

- This intern will be working with Dr. Rachel Malison on stream ecology projects in western Montana to understand the effects of various stressors on aquatic invertebrates. The intern will assist with designing laboratory experiments to understand the effects of pesticides on aquatic insects. The intern will also assist with a field and lab study of the effects of wildfires releasing metals on aquatic insects. To do this work the intern will be trained to collect samples in the field, as well as to pick, sort and identify aquatic macroinvertebrates. The intern will assist with all aspects of lab experiments, including setting up experimental equipment, checking survival during experiments, and learning how to measure response variables (including measurements of critical thermal maxima (CTmax) and metabolic rates). The internship will take place at FLBS and the field component will take place in nearby national forests. Other duties may also include data entry and assistance with other laboratory and field projects.
- The internship will provide opportunities to gain valuable knowledge of stream and floodplain ecology. The intern will learn macroinvertebrate sampling techniques. The intern will also learn how to sort samples and identify macroinvertebrates. The position will allow the intern to gain necessary skills in the lab including experiment design and data entry. The intern will have the opportunity to experience other research efforts and meet other students, researchers and professionals, as well as attend Bio Station seminars and events.

Qualifications:

- Must be a continuing undergraduate student
- Applicants should be mature, hardworking individuals with good organizational skills and attention to detail. They should work well as part of a team, have a positive attitude, and a desire to learn.
- Applicants should be in good health and be capable of hiking in rough terrain and wading in streams, as well as be comfortable conducting fieldwork regardless of the weather.
- Applicants must be comfortable carrying bear spray and willing to follow bear safety protocol when in the field.
- Previous lab experience and experience identifying macroinvertebrates is desirable but not required.
- Applicant must also have a driver's license and be able to drive.

How to Apply (application deadline: Feb 23, 2025):

UM students: use Handshake; search for Flathead Lake Biological Station

Non-UM students: send a cover letter, resume, and contact information for two references to Monica Elser at monica.elser@flbs.umt.edu