



FLBS Ted Smith Environmental Storytelling Internship Opportunity

Summer Adventure Meets Professional Experience

Named for Ted Smith, who devoted his life to safeguarding the natural environment for future generations, the Ted Smith Internship in Environmental Storytelling provides an opportunity at the Flathead Lake Biological Station (FLBS) for a UM graduate student in the Environmental Science and Natural Resource Journalism program. The intern will work primarily with FLBS Research Scientist Danie Frevola and other FLBS personnel to communicate conservation priorities within the Crown of the Continent ecosystem. The intern will engage with diverse agencies and FLBS scientists to gain a deeper understanding of the jurisdictional complexities and environmental challenges that cross these boundaries. Additionally, the intern will assist in communicating the intricacies of transboundary conservation and in promoting awareness of ongoing initiatives throughout the region.

As a Ted Smith Environmental Storyteller, you will be expected to write, submit and complete at least 5 articles by the end of the 8-week program. The intern will have the opportunity to work with a diverse team of partners and scientists to explore shared environmental priorities that span international borders. The intern will gain hands-on experience in communicating ongoing scientific research and land management discussions to a wide range of audiences, ranging from agency staff to concerned citizens. Lastly, the intern will have opportunities to assist with data collection efforts in the transboundary Kootenai(y) and Flathead watersheds

Internship Duration

- Full Time (40 hours/week) for 8 weeks
- June 14 through August 7

Compensation

- \$10.85/hour (2026 rate)
- FLBS room and board (~\$3000 value)

Required Application Documents

- Resume and Cover Letter
- Writing Samples
- Unofficial transcript

Qualification

- Have completed at least one year of UM's Environmental Science and Natural Resource Journalism graduate program.

Application Deadline: February 7, 2026

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