



## PAID WILDLIFE INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES - 2026 (Multiple Locations)

**Make a Difference in Oregon's Natural Resources!**

Help the OREGON DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE fulfill its mission: *To protect and enhance Oregon's fish and wildlife and their habitats for use and enjoyment by present and future generations.*

**Support ODFW's mission by participating in a College Internship Program! Put your knowledge and interest in wildlife to use and apply for these internship opportunities!**

Student interns will be provided practical on-the-job training experience related to wildlife management, data collection, habitat restoration, and wildlife monitoring. The benefit of these opportunities is to recruit and train potential employees seeking careers in wildlife management, research and conservation and develop a great knowledge base of wildlife in Oregon and are expected to gain the ability to develop and refine academic and professional goals as well as understand the structure and operation of a natural resource agency.

### **Primary responsibilities:**

- Assist staff with general wildlife management activities.
- Assist staff with habitat maintenance and improvements to benefit wildlife.
- Assist staff in conducting wildlife monitoring and data collection.

**NOTE:** The above statements are intended to describe the general nature and level of work being performed.

### **Working Conditions:**

Frequent work outdoors during inclement weather and may be required to work before and after daylight. Occasionally required to work on weekends. Position may be physically demanding.

Requires a flexible work schedule that varies in the number of hours worked on a daily basis, but not necessarily each day, or a work schedule in which the starting and stopping times vary on a daily basis, but not necessarily each day. This includes working at all hours and workdays in excess of eight hours. All internships will be in-person and will not involve telework.

### **Location and Anticipated Duration (not to exceed 400 hours/10 weeks):**

Housing is provided at some locations. Be sure to consider whether housing will be able to be secured for your locations of interest where housing is not provided. Please evaluate your options/rental rates in the area prior to applying.

**Pay Range:** \$19.77 – 22.23/hour

Note: position will receive a Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) increase of 2.5% which is not reflected in the salary listed in this posting. The effective date of the increase is February 1, 2026.

**All Internship descriptions and application information is available on the ODFW Wildlife Student Internship website:** <https://dfw.state.or.us/wildlife/interns/2026.asp> (the site will go live on January 6 at 8am)

- **Positions close Tuesday January 20<sup>th</sup> 5pm (PST) or until sufficient applications have been received.**
- **Initial video submission interviews are anticipated to be completed the week of January 22 – 26**
- **Followed by position specific via phone or virtual interviews the week of February 17<sup>th</sup>.**