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INTERNSHIP JOB ANNOUNCEMENT



**The
Quivira
Coalition**



Posting Date: August 1, 2010

Position: Internship with The Earth Works Institute and The Quivira Coalition

Department: The Earth Works Institute and The Quivira Coalition, Santa Fe, NM

Reports To: Avery Anderson

Job Type: Student Internship Summer 2010

Rate: \$10/hr

Fall 2010: 15 hrs/week

Summary:

Earth Works Institute and The Quivira Coalition have partnered to *jointly* offer an Internship opportunity in the Fall of 2010. This unique opportunity will give an Intern the benefit of learning from two highly successful conservation non-profit organizations. If you are passionate about environmental stewardship (i.e. facing climate change, educating youth and community members, participating in local sustainable agriculture, ecological restoration, land health monitoring, and sustainable living, etc...), and live within the greater Santa Fe area (commuting distance), then we encourage you to apply for this Internship position. Please read the following carefully and call for more information.

The purpose of the Internship is to advance the career of a promising young adult, and develop the next generation of conservation leaders. See our websites at www.earthworksinstitute.org and www.quiviracoalition.org to learn more about our missions and programming.

Hours, Compensation and Days Off: 15 hours per week (split equally between Earth Works and The Quivira Coalition), \$12.00 per hour. Given that workshops are often held on weekends to accommodate the schedules of volunteers and land-owners, the Intern will be asked to work several weekends (to be included within the 15 work week).

About Earthworks Institute and The Quivira Coalition:

The Earth Works Institute (EWI): Earth Works Institute is a non-profit environmental services organization that fosters EcoWise communities. EcoWise communities actively address the causes and impacts of climate change and natural resource degradation to promote healthy ecosystems and healthy communities. It is EWI's mission to help communities build capacity to restore, protect, and live in harmony with their natural environment. We implement this mission through an integrated approach: bringing together education, community-driven land stewardship, watershed restoration, land-use planning and policy work, and a green collar climate corps. **EWI will provide the Intern with the following:**

- ❖ Orientation and introduction to Earth Works Institute.
- ❖ Team building and networking as a member of EWI staff and extended community (i.e. partners/restoration contractors with whom EWI works).
- ❖ Mentoring and guided practice in one or more of the following program areas:

- 4C -Climate Change Conservation Corps: This program empowers youth and works to develop a local green collar economy. The Intern will assist with 4C work projects at school sites, residences and restoration sites (building outdoor classrooms, conducting resource audits, weatherizing low income homes and restoring riparian ecosystems).
- Water and Land Health (on-the-ground ecological restoration, monitoring and community stewardship)
- Opportunity to develop and exercise creativity and leadership through project design and implementation. For example, and Intern might develop and implement curriculum on climate change, environmental education, energy efficiency, and ecological footprints for schools and residences.

The Quivira Coalition (QC): The mission of The Quivira Coalition is to build resilience by fostering ecological, economic and social health on western landscapes through education, innovation, collaboration, and progressive public and private land stewardship. We call our approach The New Ranch. Elements include progressive ranch management, scientifically-guided riparian and upland restoration, land health assessment and monitoring, and bridge-building among ranchers, environmentalists, federal and state agency personnel, academics, and members of the public. **The Quivira Coalition will provide the Intern with the following:**

- ❖ Orientation and introduction to The Quivira Coalition and extended community (i.e. partners/restoration contractors with whom the QC works).
- ❖ Participation in land health restoration projects: The Intern will have the opportunity to assist in the design and planning phases of project implementation. Specific duties may include, surveying, GIS mapping, ecological monitoring, and organizing workshops for the public. In addition, the Intern will have the chance to shadow restoration practitioners who are working on projects that involve erosion control, induced meandering, and water harvesting.
- ❖ Learning New Ranch Management techniques: The Quivira Coalition owns and operates a ranch located just outside of Santa Fe, NM on Rowe Mesa. The Intern will have the opportunity to do grassland monitoring, and become familiar with the basics of Holistic Management grazing planning. In addition, the Intern will have the chance to visit other ranches affiliated with the QC in order to gain perspective on different types of sustainable ranching operations.
- ❖ Exposure to non-profit administration/management: The Intern will have the opportunity to assist QC staff with grant writing, advertising/marketing, desktop publishing, project coordination, and budgeting/financial management.

What EWI and QC will expect from the intern:

- ❖ Follow the USDA grant application process
- ❖ Demonstrated passion and leadership for environmental and social issues related to the EWI and QC missions.
- ❖ Professional standards in representing EWI and QC, including punctuality, appropriate dress, and professional communication.
- ❖ A commitment to active engagement in opportunities, resources, expertise and relationships made available in the course of the internship.
- ❖ An intention to apply the capacities developed to future academic, professional and civic endeavors.

Application Requirements:

- ❖ The intern must submit all application paperwork required by your institutions (NMHU or LCC)

How/where to apply:

Go online to www.armasineducation.com or pick up application package at ARMAS (Engineering Bldg #106) with Monique Esquibel (T.426-2010) or with Mabel Suárez (T. 426-2104).

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