



City of Idaho Falls

Environmental & Recreations Study Intern

SALARY	\$15.00 Hourly	LOCATION	Idaho Falls, ID
JOB TYPE	Casual	JOB NUMBER	2025-0210
DEPARTMENT	Electric	DIVISION	Electric Admin & Gen General
OPENING DATE	02/10/2025	CLOSING DATE	Continuous

General Purpose

The City of Idaho Falls owns and operates hydroelectric power plants that play a critical role in providing sustainable and renewable energy to our community. As part of our federal relicensing process, we are conducting various environmental recreation and wildlife impact studies.

This internship offers hands-on experience in environmental science, engineering and public policy, allowing students to work directly with industry professionals and contribute to impact renewable energy projects.

We are seeking motivated university students to assist with environmental and recreational studies necessary for our hydroelectric project relicensing efforts. Interns will work closely with environmental scientists, recreation planners, and wildlife specialists to support compliance with federal regulations and ensure sustainable operations for years to come. Work will include conducting recreation surveys, using water quality data collection equipment, performing field surveys, conducting quality assurance/quality control (QA/QC) of data, filing reports, and supporting other study related tasks. All work will be performed in and closely around the City of Idaho Falls.

This position is an excellent opportunity to contribute to renewable energy initiatives and gain valuable, hands-on experience in the fields of environmental science and resource management.

Why Join Us?

This internship offers:

- Hands-on **field experience** in environmental research and hydroelectric projects.
- Opportunities to **network with professionals** in renewable energy and conservation.
- Skill development in **data collection, GIS mapping, and regulatory compliance**.
- The chance to **contribute to a sustainable energy future** for Idaho Falls.

Work Schedule: 15–30 hours per week with a **flexible schedule**, including **variable shift lengths** based on project needs. Some days may require extended hours to accommodate fieldwork, consultant schedules, or weather conditions.

For questions or more information, contact Richard Malloy – Compliance Manager at rmalloy@ifpower.org.

Essential Functions

Responsibilities

- ♦ Assist in conducting field studies related to wildlife habitats, environmental health, recreation use, and recording water quality data.
- ♦ Collect and analyze data on recreational use near hydroelectric facilities, including trails, water access points, and park areas.
- ♦ Assist in bird mortality surveys and environmental impact assessments.
- ♦ Support public outreach activities as needed.
- ♦ Input, organize, and maintain study data using appropriate software tools (e.g. Microsoft Office tools, GIS, or similar).
- ♦ Ensure compliance with safety standards during fieldwork and laboratory tasks.
- ♦ Work flexible schedules, including weekend, inclement weather, and extended days to accommodate consultants' schedule.
- ♦ Travel to various sites in and around Idaho Falls for data collection.

Minimum Qualifications

I. Must be currently enrolled in a degree program at a university or college in one of the following fields:

- ♦ Environmental Sciences
- ♦ Wildlife Biology
- ♦ Recreation Management
- ♦ Related fields

Skills and Experience

- ♦ Basic knowledge of environmental or wildlife studies.
- ♦ Familiarity with data collection methods and research tools such as using tablets.
- ♦ Excellent communication skills and ability to work collaboratively.
- ♦ Proficiency in Microsoft Office Suite (Word, Excel, PowerPoint); experience with GIS is a plus.
- ♦ Willingness to perform fieldwork in various weather conditions in Idaho Falls area.
- ♦ Ability to work independently and manage time effectively.
- ♦ Ability to carry personal supplies and walk up to 8 miles per day.
- ♦ Comfort interacting with the public and stakeholders.

Work Environment

The work environment for this position includes both **indoor and outdoor settings** and may involve exposure to **various environmental conditions**. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions of the job.

Physical Demands:

- ♦ Ability to **stand, walk, and hike** for extended periods, including up to **8 miles per day** in various terrains.
- ♦ Ability to **lift and carry equipment or materials** up to **25 lbs.** as needed.
- ♦ Regular **use of hands and fingers** for handling data collection devices, writing, and computer work.
- ♦ Occasional **climbing, bending, stooping, kneeling, or crouching** during fieldwork activities.

Environmental Conditions:

- ♦ Frequent **outdoor fieldwork** in **varying weather conditions**, including **heat, cold, rain, and wind**.
- ♦ Exposure to **natural elements, such as water, vegetation, insects, and uneven terrain**.
- ♦ Work near **water bodies, hydroelectric facilities, and recreation areas**.
- ♦ Occasional work in **an office setting** with a controlled climate for data entry, analysis, and reporting.

Sensory Demands:

- ♦ Regular **visual observation** of environmental factors and data collection activities.
- ♦ Frequent **verbal communication** with the public, team members, and stakeholders.
- ♦ Ability to **hear and respond** to safety instructions and environmental cues during fieldwork.