



# OC Habitats™ Internship Program

OC Habitats™ nonprofit is offering non-paid internship opportunities to rising college and college-level students who are seeking experience in habitat conservation and environmental science. Each intern will leave with a basic knowledge of Orange County habitats and the species therein through training, research, projects, and field work. They will gain a basic knowledge of data analysis through data entry and interpretation as well as website and social media exposure. Interns will be given the opportunity to gain public speaking experience with students, our partners, or government agencies. Various duties include helping with outreach and education programs or making presentations to government agencies.

Interns will contribute to projects that meet the needs of the intern, OCH™ and the attending college/university. Each internship program will be tailored to each intern's interests or strengths. Therefore, projects and exposure to different elements of OCH will vary. The longer the internship, the more opportunities will arise to cover more topics or projects. The list below outlines some of the opportunities OCH™ offers. We would like to introduce topics and build upon them with interns. However, the level and depth of each category will depend on the intern and the length of time spent in our program (2 months minimum to 12 months maximum).

## Habitat Monitoring:

- Basic species identification for a variety of OC habitats such as Coastal Dunes, Riparian, Wetlands, and Chaparral ecosystems/biomes
- Monitoring of sensitive habitats and species within
- Data entry and interpretation

## Habitat and Policy Research:

- Research on sensitive habitats and species, and government policy as related to specific topic
- Research related to educational programs being offered, matching with CA state standards
- Policy and environmental law research as related to specific issues in the area.

## Education and Outreach:

- Public interaction through education and outreach programs
- Public speaking to primary and secondary schools as scheduled, seminars to public (all ages)
- Habitat education instruction and field practice with our Nature Classes Home School programs (September – May)
- Coordination and organization with partners, other non-profits, and volunteers
- Collaboration with partners and their projects (Restoration and Citizen Science)

## Requirements and Expectations:

- Days/Time: 8 or more hours per week (in office and field), as determined by OCH and intern
- Weekly reports on progress of works or projects
- Length of internships: 2 - 12 month programs available.

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