

# Temporary/Seasonal Internship



**TITLE:** Temporary Professional (Wetland Ecology Field Technician/Intern)

**CLASSIFICATION:** Temporary/Seasonal (non-benefits eligible)

**AGENCY:** Environmental Institute of Houston (EIH)

**WEBSITE:** [www.eih.uhcl.edu](http://www.eih.uhcl.edu)



## **JOB DESCRIPTION:**

The [Environmental Institute of Houston \(EIH\)](http://www.eih.uhcl.edu) at the [University of Houston-Clear Lake \(UHCL\)](http://www.uhcl.edu) is conducting the [National Wetland Condition Assessment \(NWCA\)](http://www.nwca.gov) to assess the condition of the nation's wetland habitats. We are currently recruiting up to two full-time seasonal (18-week duration) field technician/intern positions to assist with field sampling. All work will be based out of Houston, Texas, but extensive travel is required to conduct state-wide field work. This is an excellent opportunity to gain valuable field experience in all aspects of wetland condition assessment including water quality, vegetation, soil, and stressors using standardized EPA rapid assessment methods.

**LOCATION:** Based in Houston, Texas; includes state-wide overnight travel

**SALARY:** Starting at: \$2,599.34/month (commensurate with experience; full-time, non-benefits eligible); travel expenses during field work covered by grant funds (relocation expenses not provided)

## **QUALIFICATIONS:**

Applicants should be pursuing or possess a Bachelor's degree in ecology, biology, environmental science or a closely related field. Applicants must be willing to travel but are required to have lodging in the Houston area for office-based activities between sampling trips. Additionally, the successful candidates will:

### Required

- Availability for overnight travel (up to 14 consecutive days) throughout the position duration (including weekends) while working long hours (10+) in the field during high-heat, summer months
- Be in good physical condition and able to lift at least 50 lbs.
- Ability to traverse steep and rough terrain and comfortable working from a boat, canoe or kayak
- Possess a positive attitude and willingness to work independently and as a member of a team

### Preferred

- Previous scientific data and sample collection and experience in wetland ecology, botany, or similar
- Experience conducting wetland surveys including sediment and water collection, plant identification, and/or wetland delineation
- Experience driving/trailer small vessels/trailers over long distances

**Additional Notes:** All applicants must possess a valid driver's license and be physically able to drive university vehicles. Applicants must pass a criminal background and motor vehicle background checks prior to hire. This is not a benefits eligible position and continued employment beyond the 18-week restriction is dependent on available grant funds.

**START DATE:** May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026 (flexible depending on availability)

**END DATE:** September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021; or 18-weeks after starting date, whichever is first

**APPLICATION DEADLINE:** Monday March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2026

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**HOW TO APPLY:** Interested applicants should submit a cover letter, resume, and contact information for three (3) references to Hanah Martin ([martinha@uhcl.edu](mailto:martinha@uhcl.edu)) and cc Mandi Gordon ([gordon@uhcl.edu](mailto:gordon@uhcl.edu)). Please use the cover letter to expand on your experience with wetland plant identification, beyond what is outlined in your resume. Incomplete application packets will result in automatic dismissal.