



Work with the Central Wasatch Commission

Research Internship

9-12 hours/week

\$15/hour, with an option for school credit

About the Central Wasatch Commission

The Central Wasatch Commission is an inter-governmental entity with jurisdictions in the Town of Alta, the Town of Brighton, Cottonwood Heights, Millcreek City, Park City, Salt Lake City, Sandy City, and Summit County, with Utah Transit Authority and Metropolitan District of Salt Lake and Sandy as ex-officio members, and Save Our Canyons and Solitude Mountain Resort as Special Advisors. Building on the work of Mountain Accord, the CWC seeks to engage the public, build consensus, and coordinate the actions in the Central Wasatch Mountains. Learn more at cwc.utah.gov.

Description of the Role

We are looking for a highly motivated and organized intern who will conduct broad research into designated Recreation Areas, Conservation Areas, and National Monuments across the United States. The Central Wasatch Commission offers four-month internships throughout the year in the Spring (January -- May), Summer, (May/June -- August), and Winter (September -- December).

Responsibilities

- Conduct robust research and produce a comprehensive report on the history, designation timeline and process, community engagement process, and establishment outcomes and impacts of national conservation and national recreation areas across the United States.
- The report should include specific focus on the economic, recreational, environmental, and transportation impacts in the case studies.
- A GIS map or aerial imagery should be included in the research report, if available.
- Conduct interviews with the land, water, and road managers, indigenous communities, and other stakeholders to be included in case study reports.
- Meet weekly with the CWC Communications Director for guidance, and to set weekly and monthly research and reporting benchmarks.
- Periodic check-ins and status reports with other CWC staff.

Qualifications for the Role

- This internship is for college and university students currently matriculating in subjects including environmental, sociological, or sustainability studies.



Working Conditions

- Light physical effort. Mostly comfortable working positions, handling light weights, intermittent sitting, standing, and walking; and
- Frequent exposure to stress as a result of human behavior and the requirements of the job.

Offered Compensation

- \$15/hour;
- Potential for school credit;
- A hybrid work week, with days in-office, and days working from home, with in-person meetings as necessary; and,
- Use of a CWC laptop computer.

Reports To

The CWC Communications Director.

How to Apply

To apply, please send your cover letter, resume, and a list of two references (name, position, relationship, phone number, and email address – we will not contact your references without notifying you first.) in a single PDF to Sam Kilpack at samantha@cw.utah.gov with the subject line “ (Your name) Research Intern Application.” Please include your name in all documents.

The Interview Process

1. The CWC selection committee will review your application materials.
2. If you meet the required qualifications for the role, you will be invited to participate in a formal 30-minute interview with the selection committee during which you’ll be asked a series of pertinent questions.
3. The selection committee will deliberate.
4. You may be asked to interview for a second time.
5. The selection committee will make a final decision and contact you.

Details

- Applications reviewed on a rolling basis.
- Anticipated start-date: the position will remain open until filled, however, we are looking to fill the position immediately.

Employment Type

- Internship.