



Conserve Southwest Utah's Ancestral Homelands Conservation Internship (AHCI)

[Conserve Southwest Utah](#) (CSU) is a grassroots nonprofit organization advocating for conservation and stewardship of this area's natural and cultural resources. We partner with Indigenous tribes, bands and communities to protect ancestral homelands and elevate Indigenous conservation perspectives.

Internship Description- CSU is seeking an intern with community outreach, communications and volunteer coordination skills, plus experience working with Indigenous communities, to increase awareness of CSU's mission and programming among students at Utah Tech University (UT). This intern will work closely with CSU staff to provide conservation outreach and education, recruit students for CSU events such as stewardship projects and guided hikes, plan on-campus conservation events, and increase awareness of ancestral homelands, including Southern Paiute homelands.

This intern will receive mentoring by conservation and community organizing professionals, plus an introduction to the nonprofit workplace and principles. Opportunities to network with Indigenous conservation organizations and their staff are available. Spending time in National Conservation Lands, including the beautiful Red Cliffs and Beaver Dam Wash National Conservation Areas, is a built-in perk!

Hours- Max 10 hours per week during Fall Semester 2022 (September 5 – December 3), with the opportunity to extend the internship through Spring Semester 2023. Ability to work occasional weekend events is important.

Desired Skills and/or Interests

- Comfort and confidence in relationship building, networking and public speaking
- Strong oral and written communications skills, including some social media
- Outreach and education (sharing information and creating relationships)
- Volunteer recruitment and coordination
- Event planning
- Ability to design graphics for event advertisement/volunteer recruitment is a plus
- Knowledge of the environmental conservation movement is a plus

Compensation

- \$18/hour pay
- Earning academic credit for this internship is possible
- Laptop available for duration of internship

Vision

Historically, the exclusion of BIPOC, LGBTQIA, youth and working-class peoples from conservation movements has led to a shortage of the expertise, skills and perspectives needed to protect land and water for future generations. Bringing young adults into the movement is also crucial because their energy and innovation can spur change. CSU invites you to help us build a stronger conservation community in southwest Utah that lifts up young voices, values diversity, equity and inclusion, and elevates the perspectives of Indigenous peoples.

By launching a student outreach initiative, building a diverse student community and developing relationships with student clubs and organizations, we can better protect local natural resources and strengthen relationships with Indigenous communities. The AHCI intern will invite students to the local conservation movement in the following ways:

- Present CSU's mission and programs to 3-5 student clubs and design 1 event per club that will help their members engage with local public lands
- Table on campus monthly to provide CSU outreach and education to the student body at large
- Organize 1 guided hike in the Red Cliffs National Conservation Area with the UT hiking club
- Work with CSU to coordinate 1 stewardship training with the UT hiking club
- Work with CSU and Indigenous partners to organize 1 campus presentation on Indigenous Ancestral Homelands
- Design advertising materials (social media posts, fliers, etc.) to encourage student participation at 3-5 off-campus CSU events
- Contribute social media posts 2 times per month, via social media "takeover" or by partnering with other campus organizations

Fulfilling the expected outcomes will account for roughly 60% of the AHCI internship. The remaining 40% is flexible and can be tailored to your interests and passions. CSU encourages the intern to consider these events, in addition to suggesting ideas of their own:

- Develop 3 infographics, fliers or visual aids to share CSU's mission and work in advocacy, stewardship and community outreach
- Help organize 2 CSU presentations on local conservation issues like the Northern Corridor Highway and Lake Powell Pipeline
- Help organize an on-campus film screening of a conservation film
- Organize a campus panel designed to raise awareness of an Indigenous issue
- Work with CSU to help increase awareness of local Indigenous place names, including places on and around campus
- Participate in UT's Science Cafe Podcast

Please email sarah@conserveswu.org for more information.