

SAMPLE PROPOSAL

COVERSHEET -- with signatures (yours, your advisor, your on-site supervisor).

ATTACHED separately:

At least six academic and/or career objectives related to the content of the internship. For example, “I plan to...

- *Explore Geographic Information Sciences and Land Use careers.*
- *Utilize knowledge and skills gained in GEOG 342 (Biogeography), GEOG 373 (Computer Mapping), and LARC 450 (Environmental Resources) to help DNR officials identify and report on the most valuable of the State's unprotected lands.*
- *Develop the ability to articulate to local citizen's groups the contributions of GreenPrint to the environmental health of Maryland's citizens, its waterfowl, animals, and plants.*

Description of work activities. For example, “My internship activities will include...”

- *Prepare maps as requested by local agencies and DNR staff to provide them with the information they need to initiate land preservation activities.*
- *Initiate meetings with a variety of ecologists (landscape, riparian, forest, and estuarine) to gain their perspectives on the benefits of programs such as the GreenPrint program.*

Proposed academic research topic AND seven (7) examples of scholarly source materials for your term paper.

For example, “I propose to study how conservation of greenspace affects wildlife conservation. Three possible sources for my paper include...” Please list in APA format. Examples:

- *Defries, R., et.al., Land Use Change around Protected Areas: Management to Balance Human Needs and Ecological Function , Ecological Applications, 2007; Vol. 17, No. 4 pp. 1031-1038.*
- *Danby, R.K., Regional Ecology, Ecosystem Geography, and Transboundary Protected Areas in the St. Elias Mountains. Ecological Applications, 2005; Vol. 15, No. 2 pp. 405-422.*
- *Moilanen, A., et.al. Prioritizing Multiple-Use Landscapes for Conservation: Methods for Large Multi-Species Planning Problems. Proceedings: Biological Sciences, 2005; Vol. 272, No. 1575 pp. 1885-1891*

You won't be held to the details of the proposed research topic; your interests may change during the course of your internship. However, by considering the possibilities in advance, you will be better prepared to begin your internship with intellectual goals in mind. Please communicate with your faculty advisor before changing the topic of your paper.

WORK COMMITMENT. You will need at least 120 hours on-site to earn 3 credits.

- **The minimal weekly time commitment for 3 credits** is 9-10 hours/week during the regular semester or 20 hours/week during a summer semester, for a total of 120 or more hours on site.
- **You must document your total hours on-site.** In your proposal, explain how you will meet hourly requirement, for example, *Tuesday-Thursday afternoons 12-5 p.m., beginning (date) and ending (date), for a total of _____ hours.*

An updated, 1-page resume. Refer to ENSP “Internships” webpage for resume-writing resources.

Consent & Release Form. Note: A second Consent and Release Form will be necessary for International internships.