Desert Research Learning Center
12661 E. Broadway Blvd
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Internship Description

The Desert Research Learning Center (DRLC) promotes the scientific understanding, protection, and conservation of 11 Sonoran Desert national parks. The center provides space and support for researchers and interns, hosts hands-on experiential learning for student groups, and displays examples of sustainable practices and native horticulture. The DRLC also conducts research at the 11 national parks it serves.

This is a 10-week internship, with a $250/week stipend plus $25/weekly gas reimbursement. A minimum commitment of 20 hours per week is required. The intern can elect to work 30 hours per week, which makes them eligible to receive an AmeriCorps award of $1,342.86 to use for continued education.

This position will support the maintenance of the DRLC’s plants, animals, and facilities. The intern could also assist with interpretive programs and field research at national parks throughout the Sonoran Desert.

Responsibilities

- Assist with maintaining the DRLC’s onsite pond and stream
- Help care for the DRLC’s desert tortoise, fish, and frogs
- Maintain the pollinator garden, sustainable food garden, and heritage tree orchard
- Assist in regular cleaning and maintenance of the DRLC
- Produce weekly social media posts
- Assist in DRLC tours and programs
- Assist with data management including data entry and data quality assurance procedures
- Occasional opportunities to support fieldwork at numerous national parks

Required

- Applicants must be 18 or older
- Have reliable transportation to the DRLC

Valued skills

- Experience working with animals or plants
- Flexible and maintains a positive attitude
- Works well with others
- Fieldwork is remote, strenuous, and can occur in varied and extreme weather conditions. If conducting fieldwork, intern must be comfortable working under these circumstances and able to hike long distances. Overnight camping is often required.

For questions or to apply, contact Elise_Dillingham@nps.gov

Applicants must attach a resume and cover letter