STRAW Community College Conservation Internship (CCCI)

CCCI aims to empower Black, Indigenous, and other students of color to see themselves as environmentalists with agency to inform community decisions and experiences. The Students and Teachers Restoring A Watershed (STRAW) Community College Conservation Internship emerged from three central questions: 1) Who is being trained for, informed of, and recruited for environmental jobs? 2) How are environmental jobs made accessible? 3) What are key experiences that can prepare the next generation of environmentalists of color to become environmental leaders?

Eligibility & Benefits

Eligibility - You must be a current or incoming community college student, have the ability to work in the U.S., and identify as a member of a racially and/or ethnically marginalized community. No prior experience in the environmental field is required, it is welcomed!

Program Benefits - Gain meaningful experiences learning with scientists implementing environmental efforts in local communities while earning an internship stipend of up to $730 in a supportive peer cohort. Students who have completed their internship will have the opportunity to apply for a paid position as a STRAW Apprentice in active restoration sites for the Fall of 2022.

Timeline

Online Application opens Tuesday, April 1st. The Application Deadline is Thursday, May 12th at 11:59 p.m. Short 30 minute Interviews will be conducted Monday, May 16th - Thursday, May 19th. Notification of Cohort Selection will be by Friday, May 27th, 2:00 pm.

Application & Info
pointblue.org/STRAW-CCC

Application Deadline
Thursday, May 12th, 2022

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We welcome any further questions and strongly encourage you to reach out if you have any hesitation applying due to any barriers you perceive having, such as scheduling conflicts, being an undocumented student, or technology access.
Program Description

This 7 week program will entail 2 weekly meetings. While most meetings will be virtual, we will gather in person for 2 focused sessions- one in the beginning of the internship, and one at the end. The internship begins June 7th and culminates Thursday July 21st, 2022.

Seminar Days (Tuesdays 9:00 - 11:00 am) -- Facilitated lessons presented by guest experts of applied environmental and restoration science in land management practices.

Community Days (Thursdays 9:00 - 11:00 am) -- Discussion based sessions of environmental justice issues in the context of conservation efforts and an exploration of identity and passions to inform career pathways.

In-person Gatherings (Week 2 & 7, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm) -- Housing accommodations will be provided for students with long commutes; more information about house accommodations will be given at the beginning of the program. In-person gatherings are dependent on the progress of the pandemic.

- Week 2 (June 15th - June 16th, 9 AM - 4 PM): An opportunity to explore active habitat restoration sites and other conservation science sites.
- Week 7 (July 21st, 9 AM - 4 PM): Culmination Day in which we will reflect, share community and celebrate our shared experiences.