

Frequently Asked Questions for Intern Applicants

1. “What does a typical day look like for an intern?”

The typical day for interns greatly varies depending on the season, the current project our organization is working on, the number of interns, etc.. A benefit of being a part of the Wildlands Conservation Internship Program is that we will work hard to provide both in-office experiences as well as experiences working in the field. Interns could find themselves in the office aiding with research projects, and then the next week they could be out in the field conducting surveys. The work is extremely variable both in the office and in the field, but there’s endless opportunities to expand your knowledge and experience.

2. “How many hours would I be required to work?”

Wildlands does not have a minimum hour requirement. Scheduling is fairly flexible; However, we do suggest having at least one full day a week available as fieldwork varies in length and sometimes requires long days. If you are receiving credit from your school for the internship, you will need to meet their minimum hour requirements for the semester.

3. “Does Wildlands Conservation provide remote internships?”

Unfortunately, due to the nature of the work here at Wildlands, we do not provide remote internships. Interns are often required for fieldwork tasks and are also required to come into the office to work on projects and collaborate with other interns.

4. “Do I have to be located in Tampa?”

While being in Tampa is not a necessity, being near Tampa is extremely beneficial to both you and our organization. Wildlands Conservations’ headquarters and main office are located in Tampa and interns are required to spend 1-2 days a week working in the office. Most field work is also conducted on conservation banks that are 1-2 hours away from the office towards central Florida. If you’re able to commute to the office on your scheduled days as well as to fieldwork sites, there should not be any issues.

5. “What type of work do you do at Wildlands Conservation?”

Our organization is a non-profit that specializes in conservation planning and policy, land management, land protection, research, education, and outreach. We work on conservation projects all throughout Florida.

Currently, we are in Phase 2 of our Florida Sand Skink research project located on several conservation banks near central Florida. Florida Sand Skinks are currently federally-threatened and the goal of the project is to reassess the species status, and assist with working towards management goals for delisting the species.

Wildlands also teaches FWC approved classes on gopher tortoise training to become an authorized agent, so this allows many opportunities for interns to become familiar with fieldwork and with the authorization process.

Wildlands also has conservation banks and easements throughout Florida and even some in Kentucky and Tennessee! We perform monitoring and land management on these easements and banks.

6. “What should I expect for fieldwork days?”

Field days vary in activity and in length depending on the project we are working on, always prepare for a long field day unless otherwise mentioned. Interns are acquainted with field work expectations prior to being out in the field, and are given a checklist of both recommended and required attire/items. Fieldwork days could consist of aiding agents with gopher tortoise classes/surveys, vegetation surveys, biological monitoring/surveys, etc.