

Recruitment Notice:
CatFire Data Internship

The [Utah Division of Forestry, Fire and State Lands](#) is seeking one paid graduate student intern to assist the Division in implementing a Wildfire Risk Reduction Evaluation Plan. The internship will consist of approximately 20 hours of work per week, scheduled at intern's discretion within normal business hours. Term length is approximately three months, June through August, with flexible start and end dates. Compensation will range between \$9.86 and \$16.50 per hour, depending on experience. The position will be located at the Division's state office in Salt Lake City, Utah. **Applications due April 21, 2016.**

Example of Duties:

The intern will assist Division staff with data collection, management, and analysis. Please note that data collection may include field work involving the use of GPS. Field work could require travel in State vehicles. Additional duties include analyzing fiscal data, preparing reports, conducting research of peer-reviewed documents and general support of the Division's Fire Program, particularly in relation to the State's Catastrophic Wildfire Reduction Strategy.

Job Requirements/Skills:

Competitive candidates will have experience in quantitative and qualitative analysis, research methods, statistical packages, data modeling and management, report writing and an interest in natural resource and/or wildfire management. Experience with GIS and GPS preferred but not necessary. Valid driver's license required to drive State vehicles.

More Information:

Following the severe 2012 fire season, Governor Gary R. Herbert charged the Division with the task of developing a cooperative strategy to reduce the size, intensity and frequency of catastrophic wildland fires in Utah. The Governor's Catastrophic Wildfire Reduction Strategy (CatFire) was the result. CatFire aims to reduce wildland fire by supporting the three goals of the National Cohesive Strategy of resilient landscapes, fire adapted communities, and improved response/suppression capacity. As this new and ambitious strategy is implemented, one challenge faced by the Division is to monitor and evaluate the success of the actions taken to reduce wildfire risk and the associated cost of wildfire suppression. The monitoring and evaluation plan will utilize a Prospective Evaluation Synthesis and Interrupted-Time Series data modeling to track and assess the impact of the Division's CatFire actions over time.

To Apply:

Interested parties should submit a cover letter, resume and [Seasonal Application Form](#) to Whitney Norton at the email address below. Questions can be directed to Whitney Norton or Nate Barrons:

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