



Chugach National Forest Avalanche Center 2020 Internship Program

Position: Avalanche Center/ Winter Recreation- Intern

Location: Glacier Ranger District, 145 Forest Station Road, Girdwood, AK
Chugach National Forest Avalanche Center, www.cnfaic.org

Timeframe: Minimum 12 week commitment (between December 2019 and March 2020)

Objective: This internship opportunity is open to students and aspiring snow/avalanche professionals seeking experience from a Forest Service Avalanche Center.

Requirements:

- AAA certified Level 2/Pro 1 avalanche education (or equivalent)
- Current WFR, OEC (or equivalent) medical skills and competent rescue skills
- Ski and/or snowmachine in steep mountainous terrain and enjoy rugged winter conditions
- Operating snowmachines is required and previous off-trail mountain riding is a plus!
- Professional goal towards snow science, avalanche forecasting or associated fields
- Joyfully shovel large amounts of Chugach Powder, assist in trailhead restroom cleaning, occasional plowing and not be afraid of rain

Benefits/Compensation: Housing in Girdwood (if desired) and a stipend of \$30/day worked. Housing is available at the Glacier Ranger District bunkhouse. The intern will gain experience working with an established USFS Avalanche Center and the opportunity to learn daily operations of avalanche forecasting. Additionally, he/she may be involved in public outreach and education events as well as learning winter recreation management operations. A college student may be able to receive credit for this internship.

Expectations: Intern must participate as a field partner, join in weekly stability meetings and share in other CNFAIC/Winter Recreation duties. Completion of an **internship project is required**. This is a self-tailored task culminating with a written paper or article by the end of the internship (i.e., snow/weather research, education/outreach, CNFAIC projects).

To apply: Send a cover letter and resume to Wendy Wagner (staff@chugachavalanche.org). Cover letter should include pertinent background information, references, reason of interest, skills/knowledge hoped to be gained and how the program can help attain future goals.

Application period closes July 29th, 2019

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