



2022/23 Internship Program

Chugach National Forest Avalanche Center

Position: Avalanche Center / Winter Recreation- Intern

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

Timeframe: Minimum 12-week commitment (between December 2022 and March 2023)

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

Requirements:

- A3 certified 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 mountain snowmachines is required and previous 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: A stipend of \$30/day worked will be provided. Housing is available at the Glacier Ranger District bunkhouse if desired. 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.

Expectations: Intern must participate as a field partner, join in weekly stability meetings, and share in other avalanche center/winter recreation duties. Completion of an internship project is optional. 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, avalanche center projects projects).

To apply: Send a cover letter and resume to Wendy Wagner at 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 assist with future goals.

Application period closes June 23, 2022

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