



Resource Management Career Immersion Internship

Position: Fisheries Management Intern

This intern will gain hands-on experience with the professional staff of the Forest Preserve of Cook County's fisheries section. Tasks include the everyday management of the Forest Preserves' 40 fishing lakes and other water bodies. Candidates must be hard-working and open-minded, with a passion for the conservational aspects of not only fisheries biology, but also general biology and the recreational aspects of fishing.



Work location: McGinnis Field Station (Orland Park, IL). **Personal vehicle required to access the station and all work sites (not near public transportation).** This position will involve mostly outdoor work with limited time spent inside.

Duties:

- Handle fish sampling equipment, including but not limited to dip nets, gill nets, trap nets, etc.
- Handle both live and dead fish specimens, as well as other types of wildlife
- Assist with the maintenance of Fisheries section equipment, facilities, and grounds
- May perform all duties of the Fisheries Technician as required or other assigned duties (e.g. conducting basic water chemistry)
- Speak publicly and present information on Forest Preserve Fisheries work
- Data entry and office duties as needed
- Ability to work evenings and weekends

Qualifications:

- Must be at least 18 years of age; must possess a current valid driver's license
- Ability to work outdoors and in inclement weather. Must be comfortable around water.
- This position occasionally requires exposure to potentially hazardous work environment and the physical ability to perform various types of physical exertion, including, but not limited to lifting, pulling, pushing, and moving moderate to heavy weight (50 lbs.)
- Relevant educational background, including, but not limited to, general biology or science related course work
- Basic knowledge of current conservation practices as it applies to fish and aquatic vegetation
- Working knowledge of Microsoft office products including excel spreadsheets

Benefits:

- \$18.50/hr, April-September (Flexible start date) 16 weeks 4 days/week (32hrs)
- Travel stipend
- Paid time off
- Excellent networking and environmental enrichment opportunities

Application Information:

- **Application Deadline:** February 27, 2026
- **How to Apply:** Send cover letter and resume to at jobs@ilmenvironments.com; please make sure to include your cover letter and resume in a single document labeled with your last name and the words "fishery internship". Example: Smith fishery internship

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