Invasive Species Internship – Summer 2022
U.S. Department of the Interior, Office of Policy Analysis

Location: Downtown Washington, DC (Due to COVID-19, working remotely may be possible)
Position Type: Internship
Salary Level: Unpaid
Schedule: At least 20 hrs/week, 8-12 weeks

Description
The U.S. Department of the Interior’s (DOI/Department) Office of Policy Analysis is seeking undergraduate and graduate student interns for the Summer 2022 term. An internship with the Office of Policy Analysis provides students with a unique opportunity to work directly on priority natural resource policy and management issues, while gaining valuable federal government work experience and access to a network of Department of the Interior economists, policy analysts, and senior advisors.

The Office of Policy Analysis assists in analyzing and evaluating Departmental programs; developing new programs and advising major program changes; producing major studies of policies and programs; conducting economic analysis of natural and environmental resources issues; and coordinating crosscutting policies, programs, and other initiatives as needed. Additional information about the Office can be found at https://www.doi.gov/ppa.

Responsibilities
The Invasive Species Internship supports DOI’s Senior Advisor for Invasive Species on coordinating crosscutting invasive species policy and program issues. The intern will be engaged in a dynamic work environment with exposure to invasive species specialists working on diverse invasive species management issues across the nation. Potential responsibilities include assisting with:

- Researching high priority invasive species issues
- Developing outreach materials, writing reports and briefing materials, and delivering presentations
- Organizing and facilitating interagency meetings

DOI’s invasive species portfolio is extensive, involves numerous DOI Bureaus and Offices, and is guided by DOI’s Invasive Species Strategic Plan. The successful candidate may be given responsibility for a project or a portion of a project, depending on their skills and interests. Some of the invasive species focal areas in 2022 may include:

- Invasive Species Communications & Outreach
- Use of Traditional Knowledge in Invasive Species Management
- Implementation of Laws pertaining to invasive species (e.g., Bipartisan Infrastructure Law)
- Invasive Species and Climate Change
- Invasive Species and Wildfire
- Invasive Species and Island Ecosystems

Qualifications
All applicants should be currently pursuing an undergraduate or graduate degree in environmental policy, environmental studies/science, public administration, public policy, political science, government, or other relevant fields. In addition, applicants should possess research, writing, and analytical capabilities and effective communication skills. Interns will be required to pass a background check.

To Apply: Interested applicants should submit a resume and cover letter by February 28 to Tiffany Cox at tiffany_cox@ios.doi.gov. Any questions should also be directed to Tiffany Cox.

The Office of Policy Analysis will notify students if they have been selected in March.