ABOUT TVWA:
Established in 2006, the Tanana Valley Watershed Association (TVWA) promotes and improves the health of the Tanana Valley through education, restoration, collaborative research, and diverse community involvement. We work with residents, local government and agencies to develop stream enhancement plans that will improve the recreational value of our waterways, while maintaining or improving the fish and wildlife habitat values for future generations. TVWA’s services have included both research and restoration projects. TVWA Board and staff have worked to provide information on the condition of the watershed by compiling existing information and filling knowledge gaps. We also worked to promote measures that will maintain and enhance the quality and beauty of the watershed by creating educational programs to: promote greater appreciation, understanding and awareness; promote sustainable ecological practices, and advocate proactively on issues impacting the watershed.

INTERNSHIP PROGRAM OVERVIEW:
TVWA is seeking one college student to work as an intern directly with the Executive Director. This is a great opportunity to see how a watershed association operates, while observing the interaction and decision-making among community agencies, partners, and businesses.

HOURS:
The term of this position runs the 14 weeks of spring semester. Hours are flexible based on the intern’s schedule. Approximately 4 hours per week. Some work can be done electronically off-site.

RESPONSIBILITIES:
The intern will work closely with the Executive Director with research and various watershed related projects. Responsibilities include:

1. Compile water quality data from several years to create graphs for outreach / education and reports.
2. Compile fish data from several years to create graphs for outreach / education and reports.
3. Research best practices for volunteer water quality programs to help improve volunteer retention.

DESIRED SKILLS & QUALIFICATIONS:
1. Some knowledge and experience in committee work and project coordination
2. PC Computer experience to include Microsoft office applications Word, Excel, and Outlook.
3. Reliable personal transportation to facilitate work away from the usual place of business.

COLLEGE CREDIT:
This internship position offers the opportunity to obtain 1 college credit in NRM 300 for NRM majors at the University of Alaska Fairbanks. Contact Susan Todd.

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