STRAW Community College Conservation Internship (CCCI)

CCCI aims to empower Black, Indigenous, and other students of color to see themselves as environmentalists with agency to inform how their community spaces should be experienced.

The Students and Teachers Restoring A Watershed (STRAW) Community College Conservation Internship emerged from three central questions: 1) Who is being trained for, informed of, and recruited for environmental jobs? 2) How are environmental jobs made accessible? 3) What are key experiences that can prepare the next generation of environmentalists of color to become environmental leaders?

Program Description

This 11-week program will meet twice a week beginning June 1st, 2021 through August 14th, 2021. Due to state and local guidance on the COVID-19 pandemic, the following portions of the internship will be conducted online through the video platform, Zoom. The weekly time commitment is up to 5 hours.

Seminar Days (Tuesday 10:30-12:30 pm) -- Facilitated lessons presented by guest experts of applied environmental and restoration science in land management practices and tools to navigate the predominantly-white environmental field as an environmentalist of color.

Community Days (Thursday 2:30 - 4:30 pm) -- Discussion based sessions of environmental justice issues in the context of conservation efforts and an exploration of identity and passions to inform career pathways.

Eligibility & Benefits

Eligibility - You must be a current or incoming community college student, have the ability to work in the U.S., and identify as a member of a racially and/or ethnically marginalized community. No prior experience in the environmental field is required, it is welcomed!

Program Benefits - Gain meaningful experiences learning with scientists implementing environmental efforts in local communities while earning an internship stipend of up to $600 in a supportive peer cohort. Students who have completed their internship will have the opportunity to apply for a paid position as a STRAW Field Assistant in active restoration sites for the Fall of 2021.

Timeline

A live informational Webinar will be hosted Friday, April 9th at 12 p.m., and a shorter Information Webinar video is available on our website. Application opens Thursday, April 1st. The Application Deadline is Sunday, May 2nd at 11:59 p.m. Short 30 minute Interviews will be conducted Thursday, May 6th - Friday, May 14th. Notification of Cohort Selection will be by Wednesday, May 19th.