

Center for Amazon Community Ecology

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Journalism Internship

Description

There are three potential goals for this Amazon Ecology Journalism Internship:

1. Prepare articles for inclusion in the Center's newsletter *Amazon Connections*. One main theme will be profiles of leading researchers, activists, community leaders, business people, and others making an impact on Amazon ecology, conservation and sustainable development. Another priority theme will be writing short articles about Amazon forest products used and sometimes sold by indigenous and other traditional communities. These articles should be illustrated with photos when possible.
2. Write short to feature length stories about people, plants, animals and other interesting topics relevant to the ecology, conservation and sustainable development of the Amazon region. These will be published in the Center's website: www.amazonecology.org in the Communications and Products sections.
3. Prepare audio and/or video pieces to expand on the written articles described above. These will be published on-line in the Center's website: www.amazonecology.org.

The Center's director Dr. Plowden will be the intern's supervisor. He will consult extensively with the intern about layout and ideas for articles to appear in the newsletter and website. The intern will have full access to the Center's archive of video, still images and audio recordings to supplement these stories. The opportunity also exists for an enterprising intern to travel to the Amazon with a Center project to conduct interviews and prepare other stories for inclusion in educational and outreach materials. This intern may also work in cooperation with other interns in the areas of Public Relations, Video, Graphic Design and Photography.

Qualifications

The basic qualifications for an intern for this project are a program graduate, senior (or advanced junior) in good academic standing with strong creative talent and journalistic skills, and an interest in social and environmental concerns. An ability to understand Spanish and/or Portuguese would be an additional asset.

To Apply

To apply for this internship, please send the following materials to the Center at least one month before you wish to begin the internship: 1) a cover letter describing your reasons and qualifications for this position, 2) a complete resume, 3) list of relevant courses and grades, 4) contact information for two references, and 5) two or three samples of your work. Please send materials by post to Dr. Campbell Plowden, Center for Amazon Community Ecology, 1637 B North Atherton St. #90, State College, PA 16803 or by email to amazonecology@comcast.net.