

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC

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It is my pleasure to announce the Society's year 2009 Geography Intern Program for university and college juniors, seniors, and master's students majoring in geography or cartography. Interest in the program has remained strong since its inception in 1981. By the end of 2008, more than 600 students will have participated.

The program is designed to furnish qualified students an opportunity to apply knowledge and techniques they have learned in the classroom to publication procedures at the National Geographic Society. Each intern is assigned to a division of the Society. His or her tasks range from editorial research and writing to cartography: Heavy emphasis is placed on research. We are offering a limited number of 14- to 166week internship for the spring, summer, and fall.

Please post the enclosed announcements of the Society's 2009 Geography Intern Program, which contain pertinent details and instructions, on your department bulletin boards. Note that our deadline for receiving completed applications is October 10. Students selected for spring, summer, and fall 2009 internship will be notified by December 5, 2008.

Your assistance in encouraging the most promising students to apply to the program was much appreciated last year. We again seek your help in the selection process by writing letters of recommendation for applicants. We are looking for well-rounded students who have a breadth of interests and work experiences, and who are committed to the field of geography or cartography.

Interns are required to apply online. In addition students must furnish all of the following materials:

A short essay (500 words or less) relating experiences that led the applicant to formal training in geography, stating his or her professional goals, and explaining why she or he wishes to participate in the Society's Geography Intern Program; a complete resume that includes each of the following: the applicant's extracurricular activities awards and recognitions, employment history, special interests, hobbies and travel; up-to-date official college transcripts, including undergraduate course work, if applying as a master's degree student; and three letters of recommendation: one from the applicant's department chair or academic advisor and two from geography faculty members with whom the applicant has been associated. All these materials must be enclosed in one envelope (including any sealed confidential recommendation letters or transcripts) to me.

For clarification or additional information about the program, please do not hesitate to write, phone, or e-mail me.

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ELIGIBILITY: Geography and cartography majors at United States colleges and universities who are currently enrolled in their junior or senior year or in a master's degree program.

PURPOSE OF PROGRAM: To furnish students with a professional learning experience through participation in various projects aimed at the diffusion of geographic knowledge. Interns are given the opportunity to apply knowledge and classroom techniques to practical publication procedures or other geographic outreach projects.

INTERN RESPONSIBILITY: Interns may be assigned to work in one of the many divisions within the Geographic such as www.nationalgeographic.com, one of the magazines, books, or maps. Assignments may also include work on an increasing number of geographic outreach projects.

(January 20 through May 1)

(May 18 through August 21) (August 31 through December 18)

PERIOD OF INTERNSHIPS (14 TO 16 WEEKS): Spring Summer

HOW TO APPLY: Students (including those who have applied before) must submit their information through an online application at www.nationalgeographic.com/jobs. Please select "Geography Intern" posting to apply.

1. A short essay (500 words or less) relating experiences that led the applicant to formal training in geography, stating his or her professional goals, and explaining why she or he wishes to participate in the Society's Geography Intern Program.
2. Up-to-date official college transcripts, including undergraduate course work, if applying as a master's degree student.
3. A complete resume that includes each of the following: the applicant's extracurricular activities, awards, and recognitions, employment history, special interests, hobbies and travel.