

ACI offers Conservation Careers internships for this summer

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Associated Colleges of Illinois (ACI) is offering nine-week, paid internship opportunities this summer to juniors and seniors who are environmental science and other science majors at [member colleges and universities](#).

The ACI project is in partnership with the [Gaylord and Dorothy Donnelley Foundation](#), Chicago.

Through the 2016 Conservation Careers Internships Project, first-generation, minority and low-income students with interests in conservation, environmental science and nonprofit management will be able to explore an array of professional leadership opportunities available in conservation organizations. Each intern will experience a variety of conservation tasks in the field and in organization management.

In 2015, 14 interns from ACI member institutions were placed in 13 host sites. This year, ACI hopes to place 12 qualified interns across a variety of organizations throughout the Chicago region. Interns will work from June 6 to Aug. 5, and earn a stipend of \$3,600. Each will participate in pre-internship general skill-building and post-internship reflection sessions.

Pre-and post-interviews reveal that the 2015 interns were highly satisfied with the experience, reporting significant gains in their understanding of the conservation field and specifically, what it takes to be a leader in a conservation organization. Intern supervisors were equally positive about the experience.

For more information about becoming an [intern](#) or becoming a [host site for interns](#), please contact Karen Henley, ACI internship program coordinator at KHenley@acifund.org or call 847-650-0067.