The Hutton Junior Fisheries Biology Program

An innovative summer mentoring program for high school students

Oversight
The American Fisheries Society has overall program management responsibility. The Executive Director provides an annual report on the program to the Governing Board of AFS. A special oversight committee appointed by the AFS President is currently reviewing operations of the Hutton Program.

Partners
The following partners have provided significant financial support for the Hutton Program:
- Arkansas Game & Fish Commission
- NOAA /National Marine Fisheries Service
- North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission
- Northwest Marine Technology, Inc.
- USDA Forest Service
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
- Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources

The following organizations have provided public outreach and alumni opportunities:
- American Institute of Biological Sciences
- National Association of Biology Teachers
- Oregon Museum of Science and Industry
- University of Alaska Fairbanks
- University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff

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The Hutton Program has increased my interest in fisheries. With the experience, knowledge, and the great time I’ve had, this really would make an amazing career!

Bessie Blackeagle, ID
Students

Who Can Apply
Students are eligible for the summers after eleventh and twelfth grades. Applicants should have an interest in the biological sciences and should maintain a satisfactory grade point average in mathematics, English, sciences, and social sciences. Applicants should also be physically fit, as some fieldwork activities can be rigorous. Previous Hutton scholars are not eligible for reapplication.

Length of Assignment
Each assignment normally begins in May or June after the school year ends and lasts for 8 weeks. A student can choose to participate for longer than the minimum required time, but the scholarship amount will not change. In the past, some mentor agencies have chosen to employ their student or provide their student with an internship after the student’s participation in the Hutton Program has ended.

How To Apply
Applications for the program can be found under the Hutton Program navigational bar on the AFS website at www.fisheries.org. Submit a complete Application Package by February 15th to the American Fisheries Society, Attention: Hutton Junior Fisheries Biology Program, 5410 Grosvenor Lane, Suite 110, Bethesda, MD 20814-2199.

Contents of the Application Package:
• Student application form;
• Student statement of interest in the program;
• Letter of recommendation from the student’s math, science, or English teacher;
• Letter of recommendation from a previous employer or a respected member of the community;
• Official copy of the student’s transcript of grades.

Selection
Selection is made competitively from applications submitted to the American Fisheries Society. Selection criteria include academic ability, recommendations, and communication skills. As the principal goal of the program is to increase diversity within the fisheries field, qualified women and minority applicants are strongly encouraged to apply.

A selection panel evaluates each candidate using the above criteria. This panel is composed of AFS members, including members of the AFS Equal Opportunities and Education Sections, and representatives of organizations co-sponsoring or providing financial support to the program.

Scholarship
The Hutton scholarship is $3,000. Students must provide their own transportation to and from the work site; however, travel expenses associated with fieldwork are borne by the mentor’s organization.

Reporting Requirements
Students are required to provide written reports to the American Fisheries Society at mid-summer and at the close of the program.

Mentors

Participating Organizations/Hosts
The program is open to mentors located at municipal, state, federal, provincial, university, private, and non-governmental facilities in all states, commonwealths, and territories of the United States, Canada, and Mexico. Mentor applicants must submit an application, including a current résumé or CV and a one-page description of the type of assignment the student is expected to undertake with the host organization. Applications are available on the AFS website at www.fisheries.org.

Reporting Requirements
Mentors are required to provide a written report to the American Fisheries Society at the close of the summer season. The report includes a description of the student’s activities and accomplishments, and an evaluation of the student’s performance. Submitting photographs of students and mentors working together in the lab and out in the field is highly encouraged.

Visit the Hutton Program at www.fisheries.org

“The Hutton Program has piqued my interest in fisheries and everything that has to do with it. I learned that water is very important, not only to us, but to the species that live in and around it. Water is the life-blood of this planet and what happens to it affects all of nature.”

Sunflower Wilson, MI