Social Science and Conservation Internship

The Amazon Conservation Association (ACA) is a non-profit organization that works to protect the biological diversity of the Amazon basin through field projects in southeastern Peru and northern Bolivia. ACA currently protects over 2.2 million acres of Amazonian rainforest through conservation concessions, Brazil nut concessions, and research stations. Using cutting-edge science and innovative conservation tools, we established the world's first conservation concession and manage some of the best research stations in the tropics. ACA works with local communities and partner organizations throughout the region to protect these precious forests for local inhabitants and future generations.

We are seeking a Social Science and Conservation intern for our DC office in McPherson to assist in:

- Researching and developing indicators to measure human well-being in a conservation context
- Researching literature on this topic and compiling citations
- Developing an annotated bibliography of citations and surveys (as pertinent)

The internship will require thorough research pertaining to human well-being and conservation, in particular its effective measurement. This internship also provides the opportunity to learn about nonprofit management and a chance to contribute to the conservation of one of the most diverse ecosystems in the world.

Dates of the internship are flexible, but should last roughly from January through May. Spanish is not required. Preference will be given to interns who can commit at least two full days/week, though all are encouraged to apply regardless. Preference will be given to interns able to work in person at ACA’s office, but those able to work remotely will also be considered. Internships are unpaid; if you are seeking credit for this internship, we are more than happy to work with you and your school to make that happen.

Requirements:

- Excellent research skills
- Ability to concisely summarize peer-reviewed articles
- Knowledge of MS Office applications
- Interest in social issues, especially human well-being (and how it is measured) as related to conservation efforts
- Ability to multi-task and work in a team environment
- Familiarity with survey methodology and best practices a plus
- Must be at least a junior in undergrad; graduates and graduate school students welcomed

How to apply:

Please send a cover letter and resume by email to applications@amazonconservation.org with the subject line "Social Science and Conservation Intern." Please indicate your availability (dates and hours/week).