

DISABLED SPORTS EASTERN SIERRA

INTERNSHIP PROGRAM FOR UNIVERSITY STUDENTS

ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS

2022 - 2023 WINTER SEASON

Hello!

I am writing to let you know about one of the most educational, unique, and fulfilling internship experiences; Disabled Sports Eastern Sierra's [Internship Program for University Students!](#)

Disabled Sports Eastern Sierra is one of the premier adaptive recreation programs in California! Our Internship Program is all of the above because of our Who's, What's, and Where's!

Who: We provide our interns the opportunity to work hands-on with a large variety of individuals with disabilities. This is an invaluable experience in the professional world we all live in. Our interns meet, communicate with, assess, teach, mentor, and celebrate the success of people with a wide range of abilities. These include those who experience cognitive/intellectual as well as physical challenges.

Disabled Sports Eastern Sierra's highly trained and certified staff of professional adaptive coaches are trainers, guides, and mentors for our Interns. We are experienced! Over the last decade and a half, we have hosted over 40 interns and have consistently provided them with, according to them, the most fun and fulfilling educational experience they could have hoped for.

What: During the winter months (Spring semester), we use the activities of Alpine Skiing, Snowboarding, and Nordic Skiing to provide our guests with recreational access, therapeutic recreation, personal growth, and most importantly FUN! Our Interns are trained in these activities to provide the necessary skills to successfully deliver these experiences. Some experience in the above sports is helpful but not necessary for a great internship experience!

Where: We work in the unique and beautiful Eastside of California's Sierra Nevada Mountains. DSES is located on the slopes of the world-famous Mammoth Mountain Ski Area at 9000 feet in elevation! In this wild and scenically beautiful environment, everyone gets a chance to enjoy nature and world-class skiing and riding at its finest! DSES is one of the largest providers of adaptive winter experiences in California!

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Sound like Hype? Here it is straight from some of last winter's Interns!

"Each day I walked through the doors of DSES I would get a lesson that was a new challenge. Despite the challenge each day I was always supported by my coworkers and able to tackle each day and learn so much. I learned more throughout this internship than I ever have in any other job. I would not change this experience for the world." Taylor B. - University of Florida

"Interning for DSES has been a life-changing experience for me. Every day I learned something new; whether it was about disabilities, my skiing, ski instructing, or how a nonprofit operates. DSES wasn't just an internship to me, it was a family." Samantha J - Pennsylvania State University

"The internship provided by Disabled Sports Eastern Sierra truly enhanced my undergraduate education in a way that could not be provided elsewhere. Throughout the internship, I was able to practically apply so many aspects of my Kinesiology education, and it has made me even more motivated to pursue a career that will continuously make a difference in the lives of others!" Emily J - California State University Northridge

Instructor Interns work on snow, helping to deliver high-quality lessons to our guests, (90% of the time) as well as being introduced to the operations of a successful nonprofit, (10% of the time).

Complimentary housing is provided as well as a weekly stipend to offset expenses. Other privileges include free skiing and riding at Mammoth and June Mountains, food discounts at Mammoth Mountain, and world-class Professional Ski Instructors of America/American Association of Snowboard Instructors certification training.

Recreation Therapy programs: Please note that we do not currently have a CTRS on staff.

If you have received this email in error, please respond back so that I can take you off our lists. If there is someone else in your department whom this subject is more appropriate for, please forward it to them and contact me back so that I can note this in the future! Thank You!

If this experience sounds like something that would be appropriate for your students, please let them know about this opportunity. A promotional flyer, Instructor Intern Job Description, and Intern Application are attached. Please have any interested students contact me directly at:

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Thank you for helping me promote this unique and life-changing internship opportunity.

Sincerely,



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