

**City of Gunnison**  
**Community Development Internship Position Description**

**Title: Researcher**

**Position Description:** Research and data collection for the City of Gunnison Community Development Department for specific project(s) as agreed upon between the student, academic internship advisor, and Director of Community Development. Specific research possibilities include:

- Monitor backscatter from night skies to understand trends in the Gunnison Valley
- Water quality and watershed monitoring on the VanTuyl Ranch
- Conservation Plan monitoring on the VanTuyl Ranch using transects, species composition lists, and stream bank vegetation to be compared to baseline data
- Pest monitoring for management of noxious weeds on the VanTuyl Ranch
- Wildlife monitoring to study the impacts of new recreation or management activities in previously undisturbed areas; impacts of new activities or facilities on surface or ground water; behavior of, or impacts to an individual animal, group of animals or wildlife species; or the success of mitigation efforts.
- Building and use inventory of the City of Gunnison using Geographic Information Systems

**Academic Requirements:** Students will have the standing of Junior or Senior with a minimum grade point average of 2.000. Appropriate fields of study are: biology, environmental studies, geography, geology, honors, physics, or science (others may be considered on a case-by-case basis).

**Technical Skills:** Successful applicants will be proficient in Microsoft Office (Word and Excel at a minimum); Geographic Information Systems (GIS); research methods; and technical writing.

**Physical Requirements:** Must be physically able to perform outdoor field work in sometimes adverse physical conditions.

**Application Requirements:** Submit a letter of interest, résumé, City of Gunnison application (available at: [http://www.cityofgunnison-co.gov/Finance/human\\_resources/job\\_app.pdf](http://www.cityofgunnison-co.gov/Finance/human_resources/job_app.pdf)), and a proposal to address the specific project that the Community Development Department has advertised. The proposal should include the objective(s) to be accomplished by the end of the internship; how it will be accomplished; and how achievement of the objective(s) will be measured. Application materials should be submitted to:

Tammy Shelafo  
City of Gunnison Human Resources Technician  
P.O. Box 239  
201 West Virginia (second floor)  
641-8248  
[tshelafo@cityofgunnison-co.gov](mailto:tshelafo@cityofgunnison-co.gov)

This is a competitive process. The City of Gunnison staff will review proposals and evaluate them for relevance to serve the City's needs.

**Application Deadline: Open until filled**

**Credit Hours:** Internships will be considered as laboratory courses, so the expectation is that the intern will spend 1,800 minutes on the project for each credit earned.

**Salary:** \$350 per credit hour up to 3 credits (\$1,050), upon successful completion of the project, with a grade of “C” or better.

For further information about the internship opportunities in the Community Development Office, contact:

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Director of Community Development  
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Gunnison, CO 81230  
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(970)641-8152