Internship Description: Research Assistant Intern

Earth Economics is a global leader in science-based economics. We work with leaders from government, industry, and NGOs to identify, quantify, and value the benefits nature provides. Our organization is dedicated to the principle that only with a full understanding of nature's value can decision makers truly make the best policies and investments. Our team of economists and analysts focus on the world's most urgent challenges to healthy ecosystems, including working lands, forests, freshwater, and oceans, so that we can support resilient communities.

We are currently seeking a Research Assistant Intern for the Summer of 2018. Student interns have the opportunity to apply their knowledge of economics to natural capital valuation projects while working to expand our ecosystem valuation database.

Time Commitment and Compensation
The Research Assistant Intern will contribute 20-24 hours of effort per week. This is an unpaid internship. However, the intern will receive internship documentation, and Earth Economics will work with the intern to ensure requirements for academic credit are met. Washington State residents are eligible for a work-study stipend.

Anticipated Tasks
Tasks may include, but are not limited to:
- Identifying and documenting ecosystem values from published academic environmental economics literature.
- Conducting research on valuation methods and gathering data to support Earth Economics’ projects and strategy. Subject areas may include recreation, agriculture, green infrastructure financing, and legal damages.
- Conducting outreach to publicize selected Earth Economics studies.
- Assisting with other tasks as needed.

Requirements
- Economics, biology, environmental studies majors are encouraged to apply. Students with a passion for communications and who have a strong foundation in science will also be considered.
- Knowledge of spreadsheets, databases, word processing, and presentation graphics programs desired.
Internship Benefits

- Gain experience in economic analysis and non-profit organizations
- Create an independent project (blog, webinar, conference presentation proposal) that will showcase an understanding of natural capital valuation and its practical application
- Work directly with the project team leader to expand the number of values available in Earth Economics’ valuation repository while gaining exposure to a leading platform for conducting natural capital valuation
- Participate in team meetings and be mentored for advancing within ecological economics and environmental studies

Interested applicants should submit a **cover letter, resume, letter of reference, and recent writing sample (i.e. school paper)** to Corrine Armistead, carmistead@eartheconomics.org.