



About Texas Water Trade

Texas Water Trade (TWT) is an organization founded in 2019 aimed at unleashing the power of markets and technological innovation to build a future of clean, flowing water for all Texans. Our work focuses on deploying water solutions for people and the environment, with an emphasis on leveraging water transactions to ensure healthy flows in Texas rivers and scaling up investment in net-zero municipal water solutions.

The Position

The Markets Intern position will be joining as TWT launches its centerpiece program, [Texas Water Market Makers](#), which aims to transfer technical knowledge to conservation entities seeking to become environmental water transactors. The Markets Intern will assist TWT staff in assembling marketing, training and strategic planning materials for TWT's Market Makers as they embark on integrating environmental water trades into their conservation activities. The Markets Intern will be responsible for undertaking preliminary research on water rights, monitoring infrastructure and ecological surveys to support development of conservation objectives. The Markets Intern will also support any needed communications efforts, including drafting marketing materials, blogs, website and newsletter content, and social media.

Responsibilities include:

- Developing workplans for Market Maker engagement
- Coordinating with state agencies, universities and NGOs to assemble ecological, hydrological and water rights data in our Market Makers' priority basins
- Supporting development of strategic action plans for Market Makers in coordination with TWT staff and our partners and contractors
- Undertaking special research projects, such as eligibility of federal or state funds for environmental water trades, on an as-needed basis
- General writing and editing for social media, website, press releases and blogs
- Generating social media content for Twitter and LinkedIn.

Qualifications

Requirements include:

- Currently enrolled in a master's program in hydrology, ecology, economics, planning or a related field
- Ability to gather and synthesize large quantities of information into succinct and clear communications
- Ability to work independently with limited supervision

- Strong oral and written communication skills with proven record of attention to detail and deadlines
- Experience with social media, including Twitter and LinkedIn
- Interpersonal skills to communicate with all levels of internal and external partners and stakeholders; use of diplomacy and tact
- Strong core computer skills in MS Word, Excel, Outlook, & PowerPoint
- Enthusiasm to work in a dynamic and entrepreneurial setting
- Ability to maintain confidentiality

Preferred qualifications include:

- Work experience with similar non-profit organization
- Interest in Texas springs, rivers, bays and estuaries, the future of urban water supplies, market-based conservation and transformative technology for clean water access
- Familiarity with water allocation regimes.

Compensation

Texas Water Trade will provide a \$3,500 stipend for 10 weeks during the months of May to August 2020 for an expected 15 hours a week (schedule can be flexible).

To Apply

All applicants must submit the following:

- Résumé with relevant coursework and work history
- One representative sample of your own writing
- One letter of recommendation that reflects academic and work experience

Email cover letter, résumé, letter of recommendation and samples of your work to Christine Rosales at rosales@texaswatertrade.org. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

Target start date is late May or early June. Our preferred arrangement will be for the intern to work from TWT's office in Austin, Texas. However, due to the ongoing uncertainty created by Covid-19, TWT will approach the question of location flexibly.

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