

Life after Coastal

A few ecology-oriented resources

So, you want a job? (Or an assistantship?)

A little bit of everything:

Texas A&M Wildlife and Fisheries Sciences Jobs Board

<http://wfscjobs.tamu.edu/job-board/>

ejobs

<http://www.ejobs.org/>

Go to scientific society websites:

Conservation Biology

<http://careers.conbio.org/>

Ecological Society of America

<http://www.esa.org/esa/careers-and-certification/job-board/>

Association for the Sciences of Limnology and Oceanography

<http://aslo.org/employment/studentops.html>

Non-governmental organizations (NGOs):

Association of Zoos and Aquariums

<https://www.aza.org/joblisting/>

The Nature Conservancy

<http://www.nature.org/about-us/careers/index.htm?intc=nature.tnav.about.list>

World Wildlife Fund

<http://www.worldwildlife.org/about/careers>

Your federal taxes at work:

USAJOBS

<https://www.usajobs.gov/>

ORISE (-ships)

<http://orise.orau.gov/science-education/internships-scholarships-fellowships/>

What's a job? I like school.

Thesis-based programs are the best.

Master's degrees are the sweet-spot.

You probably will need to take the GRE general test.

Only think about it if you REALLY like school.

Don't be scared to take some time off after your Bachelors.

Do research. Search for people, not necessarily schools or programs.

However, some programs have multiple, appropriate advisors.

I found some people, now what do I do?

Contact potential advisors.

E-mail is typical. A good first impression is important. Tell them:

Who you are.

What have you done. (Hopefully some research already.)

Why they are a good fit for your interests.

Do they have openings in their lab for a student?

Do they offer financial support via research assistantships (RAs)?

Does the department offer teaching assistantships (TAs)?

Sometimes you get responses, sometimes not.

Don't take it personally.

No one wants me because I don't have enough experience.

If you can afford it, consider volunteer opportunities & internships:

American Conservation Experience

<http://www.usaconservation.org/>

The Student Conservation Organization

<https://www.thesca.org/>

The Conservation and Land Management Internship Program

<http://www.clminternship.org/about>