

## **Paid Internship Opportunity: Writing Case Studies on Drought Adaptation for Natural Resource Managers**

### **Introduction**

[The Conservation and Adaptation Strategy Toolbox](#) (CCAST) is a multi-organizational partnership directed by the US Fish and Wildlife Service, Bureau of Reclamation, and USDA Southwest Climate Hub. Among its many functions, CCAST develops Case Studies that aim to share lessons learned from on-the-ground natural and cultural resource management projects that can inform future work across other geographies. The peer-reviewed, public-facing Case Studies serve as the foundation for Communities of Practice (CoPs) and often document projects that are not otherwise publicly communicated. Your work will directly support the [Southwest Drought Learning Network](#) (DLN), a CCAST partner that links climate service providers with resource managers to increase community resilience when facing current and future drought events. The [National Drought Mitigation Center](#), one of the leading DLN organizations, is funding these internships.

### **What you'll do**

Research and author case studies about how natural resource managers are adapting to drought by working with the CCAST Team. As a CCAST intern, you will interview practitioners, synthesize information learned from on-the-ground research and management actions, and write and publish case studies presented as online StoryMaps and accompanying 2-page handouts. You may help facilitate meetings and workshops, build relationships, and develop tools that support natural resource management.

### **What you'll learn**

You will have the unique opportunity to build your network by working with a large group of professionals in science communication, wildlife and water management, and climate adaptation. You'll learn about the organizational collaboration necessary to solve large, complex human-environmental challenges, guided by CCAST and DLN mentors and coordinators who will help develop your scientific and technical writing skills. You'll learn how to communicate effectively as you interact with conservation professionals working on key issues such as water management, drought, and climate change.

### **Additional details**

10 hours/ week; \$13/ hour. Remote work with regular virtual meetings. Applications close August 19th, with proposed start date September 6th. Interns will work through the academic year, with the opportunity to extend into summer.

### **Who should apply**

Undergraduate and graduate students or recently graduated students interested in science communication, drought and climate change adaptation, and boundary-spanning organization approaches to conservation and adaptation.

### **How to apply**

Please email a resume, cover letter, and an optional writing sample to Maude Dinan ([mdinan@nmsu.edu](mailto:mdinan@nmsu.edu)) and Brian Fuchs ([bfuchs2@unl.edu](mailto:bfuchs2@unl.edu)) with "Drought Adaptation Intern" in the subject line.