What is the Daugherty Science Internship?

The Daugherty Science Internship (DSI) is a unique, paid student teaching opportunity offered to University of Nevada, Reno College of Education graduate students and teacher licensure candidates to help you boost your teaching skills. This opportunity is brought to you by a partnership between Sierra Nevada Journeys, the University of Nevada, Reno Colleges of Education and Science, the NevadaTeach Program, and the Daugherty Foundation.

Details:
• Stipend interns will participate in a blended student teaching experience which includes seven weeks at a traditional school placement and seven weeks teaching science with Sierra Nevada Journeys, all to take place during students “internship” semester.
• Interns observe and teach 20+ NGSS-based elementary science lessons and outdoor field science programs to a wide range of students across 1st through 6th grade. It is under the direct supervision of Sierra Nevada Journeys program director (and former elementary classroom teacher) and College of Education mentors.
WHY SHOULD I APPLY?
• You will build highly sought-after science instruction skills, helping you secure teaching roles where you can introduce STEM in new and exciting ways
• You will receive a $1,500 stipend
• You will have the unique opportunity to teach not only in the classroom, but in the outdoor setting as a part of Sierra Nevada Journeys’ field studies
• You will have the opportunity to help classroom teachers in our region deliver outstanding science content to students in high-need schools

ELIGIBILITY
• Eligible candidates for the Daugherty Science Internship include motivated Elementary Education and Secondary Science Education students who are approaching their student teaching semester
• Interested candidates will need to be in good academic standing, highly inspired to be excellent teachers, and have an interest in teaching experiential science in the classroom and outdoors
• Candidates should apply the semester before their scheduled student teaching or internship semester

TIMELINE
Spring interns apply in the previous October for paid spring internships. Fall interns apply in March for paid fall internships.

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HOW TO APPLY

Step 1: Interested candidates should first contact Joe Nannini, Director of Clinical Experiences & Assessment, to discuss your interest at jnannini@unr.edu or 775-682-8590.

Step 2: Once you’ve been cleared to apply for the DSI, send your resume and a 1-page letter stating why you’re the perfect candidate to Alyssa Wagner, Program Director with Sierra Nevada Journeys at alyssaw@sierranevadajourneys.org.

Step 3: Intern candidates will be interviewed and may also be asked to observe a Sierra Nevada Journeys program to ensure the DSI is a good fit.