**WIS 2920 Wildlife Colloquium**

**Assignment 6: Careers**

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USGS

Project Coordinator or Data analyst -

Volunteer at a USGS facility

Apply for an available position

Make sure I meet all the requirements for the position

Apply at <https://www2.usgs.gov/ohr/>

I would be interested in a position with USGS, as a Project Coordinator. Normally, however, I think that a person would need to work at a lower level position and transition up, or a person would have to have the exact experience to be hired for an upper level position. I would also be interested in a Data analyst position, where I can help manipulate data to show trends for different conservation projects. I also know how to analyze spatial data, so I can use those skills in either position.

Custom Border Patrol-Agriculture

Officer-

Apply for an available position

Make sure I meet all the requirements for the position

Apply at USAJOBS.gov

My brother works for CBP, in WA, as an officer and has told me there is a lot of opportunity for a biology major. This position would entail an office position that checks all of the biological components that enter through the border. This position is appealing to me because it is a federal position, with secure benefits. It would also help me gain more knowledge on different plants, insects, and animals that come in through the border.

FWS

Biologist or Data analyst -

Volunteer at a FWS facility

Apply for an available position

Make sure I meet all the requirements for the position

Apply at https://jobs.myflorida.com/

I would be interested in a position with FWS, as a Biologist. Normally, however, I think that a person would need to work at a lower level position and transition up, or a person would have to have the exact experience to be hired for an upper level position. I would also be interested in a Data analyst position, where I can help manipulate data to show trends for different conservation projects. I also know how to analyze spatial data, so I can use those skills in either position. These positions are federal, so to acquire volunteer experience or an internship is more competitive, than at the state level.

Private Contractor

Land Surveyor-

Get certification

Gain experience

Create business, with logo, statement, website, etc

Seek state and federal level contracts

As a private contractor, I would have my own work schedule, work on my own contracts, and work as much or as little as I want. I would be interested in a position like this because a land surveyor is a stable career. No matter the location, city, or state there is also a need for a land surveyor. I can acquire a land surveyor certification in about a year after, and work as an intern for an already working land surveyor. Afterwards it would be up to me to create my business and acquire contracts.

FWC

Mammal Biologist or Data analyst-

Volunteer at a FWC facility

Apply for an available position

Make sure I meet all the requirements for the position

Apply at https://www.fws.gov/jobs

I have done some volunteer work for FWC, helping create a database for their Bird Mortality Database. With this experience, I could possibly start working part time, and develop a full time position to help manage data. I would also be interested as a mammal biologist as well. What could also help me is volunteering for pH.D students in similar research that is needed for the position.