



Summary

The Global Water team at Forest Trends is seeking an energetic, creative, and detail-oriented intern for the summer of 2025. This **unpaid internship** is an excellent opportunity to gain meaningful, hands-on experience at a global, mission-driven nonprofit operating at the forefront of environmental finance and policy.

Forest Trends is a lean and agile organization, which means interns play a real role in advancing our work. You will have the chance to sharpen your professional skills while contributing to impactful projects that address some of the most urgent environmental and social challenges of our time. Whether you're analyzing data, supporting communications, contributing to research, or participating in meetings, you'll gain firsthand insight into how international environmental initiatives are shaped and implemented.

About Forest Trends

Forest Trends is an international nonprofit organization focused on driving financial innovations that bring value to nature. We work through demonstration projects, coalition-building, and producing high-quality research and analysis that can support new investments in nature-based solutions to climate change, water risk, and other environmental challenges.

How to Apply

If you're excited to learn, collaborate, and make a real difference, we encourage you to apply by sending your **resume and letter describing why you are interested** in this opportunity to cv@forest-trends.org. Please include the following subject line *Global Water Intern Application: First Name Last Name Opportunity #(s)*.

Title: Global Water Intern

Team: Global Water

Reports to: Program Manager, Global Water

Location: Remote (Central or Eastern time zone), opportunity to work in-person in DC office if candidate is local

Compensation: This is an **unpaid internship**. Forest Trends will work with your school or university to help you obtain academic credit, if eligible.

Eligibility: This internship is open to **current students** enrolled in a college or university degree program.

Hours per week: Desired 20-30 hours per week (flexible)

To apply: Submit your cover letter and letter of interest to cv@forest-trends.org



Position Summary:

We're offering three exciting opportunities for an intern to support our global water work. Please indicate in your application which opportunity most appeals to you and why – you're welcome to indicate more than one!

1. State of Investment in NbS for Water Security - Report Launch & Dissemination Support

Launching in May 2025, the *State of Investment in Nature-based Solutions for Water Security* analyzes hundreds of data sources—databases, government reports, surveys, and expert interviews—to present an objective, data-driven benchmark of global NbS finance motivated by water. The report identifies where funding is flowing, what's driving it, who is paying for it, and what challenges remain. This report offers the most comprehensive global assessment to date, building on Forest Trends' [State of Watershed Investments 2016](#).

You will help us maximize visibility and uptake of this new report. You'll track outreach and engagement, draft content for social media and blogs, identify presentation opportunities, and package data insights for partners and donors.

- *Develop a dissemination tracker to monitor outreach, uptake, and engagement by target audiences (e.g., donors, DFIs, utilities, NGOs).*
- *Connect to improving/consolidating contact and stakeholder management for Forest Trends' Global Water team.*
- *Draft social media posts, blog content, and spotlight summaries for different regional audiences.*
- *Support identification of opportunities for presentations or partnerships (conferences, webinars, roundtables, blogs).*
- *Consolidate ideas for deeper dives into the data & package for potential partners/donors.*

2. Strategic Storytelling & Impact Snippets

Bring our work to life by collecting and crafting short stories that highlight impact and lessons learned from our work scaling-up investment in NbS to address water risks in Peru and elsewhere. You'll also *help develop a storytelling toolkit and collaborate on content for blogs or presentations.*

- *Collect and package 3–5 short stories or “snippets” that showcase our work and its impact*
- *Assist in preparing a storytelling toolkit or template to capture future stories in real time.*
- *Collaborate with staff to turn one or two stories into blog posts or slides for future outreach.*

3. Proposal Pipeline & Landscape Scan

Support fundraising efforts by researching funders focused on nature-based solutions for water.



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You'll prepare donor profiles, conduct a funding landscape scan, and summarize our approach for potential funders.

- *Conduct a landscape scan of major funders investing in Nature Based Solutions (NbS) for water .*
- *Prepare 1–2 donor profiles with history, priorities, and strategic entry points.*
- *Prepare short (1 page) summaries of our approach and key opportunities for potential donors*

Desired Qualifications & Skills:

- Strong research and writing skills (English fluency required; additional languages a plus)
- Interest in environmental issues, policy, or international development
- Desire to be part of a small team and learn from experienced professionals in the field
- Proficiency with Microsoft Office (Excel, Word, PowerPoint)
- Experience with graphic design or data visualization a plus, but not required
- Experience in communications, marketing, or development a plus, but not required

Professional Development Opportunities:

- Exposure to finance and policy for nature-based solutions and water on the global stage
- Learn how to create compelling content to market key environmental reports
- Mentorship and one-on-one support from Forest Trends staff
- Final presentation to Forest Trends staff on intern's work and key takeaways