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The Turtle Survival Alliance (TSA) has recently completed a third year of our Chelonian Husbandry Internship, and we are planning now for the 2020 program. This internship is offered at the TSA's Turtle Survival Center (TSC) in rural Cross, SC and housing on campus is available for a reasonable fee. This eight week (minimum) internship focuses heavily on chelonian husbandry and conservation. We are targeting professional organizations and universities that have large biology programs or have been involved in chelonian conservation. This internship is appropriate for biology or natural science majors, or those that want to pursue a career in conservation biology or zoo management.

Recently, we expanded our internship program to include more classroom time and professional lectures including chelonian taxonomy and natural history, conservation, husbandry, medical care and much more (see attached syllabus). An assigned reading list with follow up quizzes will take place weekly during the eight week internship.

In July 2019 we added a trip to Florida to join in our citizen science project with TSA's North American Freshwater Turtle Research Group (NAFTRG). This allows our interns to gain hands on experience in capturing and handling turtles, collecting biological data, and marking techniques. This mark-recapture study just finished its 20th year of sampling and offers a great opportunity for our interns to gain real-world turtle research experience.

Attached you will find a flyer and syllabus/ internship description. Please share this throughout your department to students that may be interested.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Clinton S. Doak".

Clinton S. Doak
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