

## ABOUT THE PROGRAM:

The Southwest Seed Partnership, coordinated by IAE, is working to improve the supply of ecologically appropriate native seed to restore degraded landscapes in New Mexico and Arizona.



As our internship program expands in the future, we will offer job opportunities to conduct surveys for rare and common plants and pollinators, vegetation monitoring, and habitat restoration as well as ecological education internships.



**"THE CONSERVATION INTERNSHIP EXPERIENCE** was very rewarding. Working hands-on in the great outdoors, working in beautiful place everyday, knowing that I am doing my part restoring the natural environment while developing my interest botany and soil sciences."

Victoria Atencio, Santo Domingo Pueblo  
and San Juan Pueblo



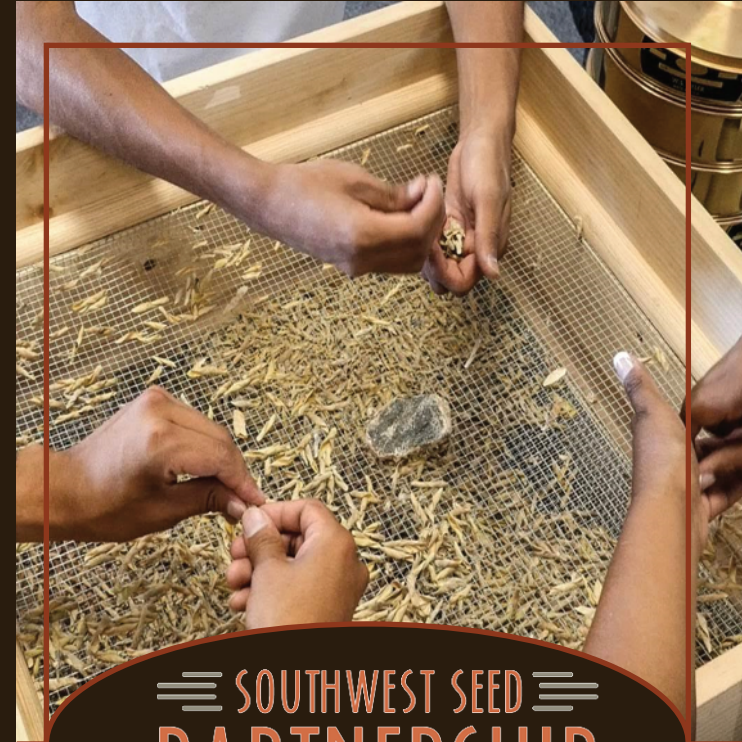
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CONSERVATION  
INTERNSHIP**



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The mission of the Institute for Applied Ecology (IAE)(a nonprofit organization) is to conserve native species and habitats through restoration, research, and education.

## WHERE WE WORK:

DESERTS, MOUNTAINS, GRASSLANDS, AND WETLANDS  
OF NM & AZ



We are grateful to our partners and funders from the US Forest Service (SW Region) as well as the Bureau of Land Management, National Park Service, and Native Plant Society of New Mexico who have made this internship possible.

## WHAT DOES AN INTERNSHIP LOOK LIKE?

Participants receive training in:

- Botany and plant identification
- Native seed collecting and cleaning
- Plant population mapping and data collection
- Field safety



## PROGRAM BENEFITS INCLUDE:

- Networking with conservation partners
- Working outdoors, seeing new places in NM off the beaten-path
- Time-off for cultural events
- Resume building for jobs in natural resources fields

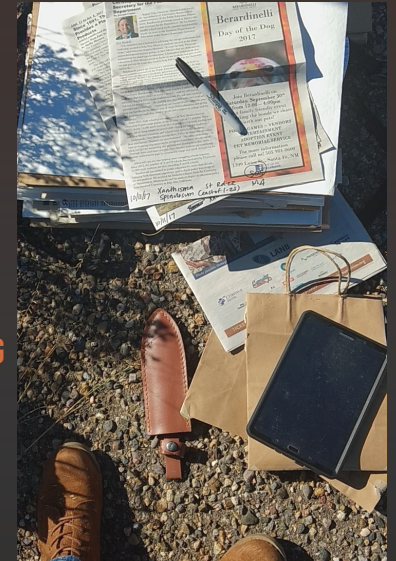
## A TYPICAL WORK DAY IN THE LIFE OF A SEED COLLECTOR...

SEASON STARTS IN JUNE WITH JOB TRAINING

- Meet at office & plan collection week ahead.
- Load truck with gear, drive to sites
- Hike and scout for priority plants.
- Press and properly identify plant specimens, GPS locations, collect soil samples.
- Check readiness of seed, collect seed knowing that it will eventually be returned to NM land scapes!

WORK DAYS ARE  
10 HOURS  
MONDAY - THURSDAY  
WITH FRIDAYS OFF

OCCASIONAL CAMPING  
AT SITES 2 HR AWAY  
FROM BASE



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