

My internship was undertaken at the Department of Physical Geography and Ecosystem Science during July and August 2019. I got the chance to work with a research team at the department through simply sending an email to a teacher – that I thought was inspiring during lectures and was doing interesting research – asking whether any help was needed during the summer.

During the two months I was predominantly preoccupied with gathering information on ecosystems in Sweden that could be considered more or less pristine. This was mainly done through analysis of satellite imagery, using multiple GIS-layers and going through documentation describing areas of southern Sweden. The idea with the gathering of data was to contribute to the knowledge of such ecosystems (in Sweden in this case) so that this knowledge later can be used to better understand major processes, such as the carbon cycle.

My internship gave me a small glimpse of what it might be like working within science and it showed me what kind of work might lie behind whatever articles are published. I was allowed to work independently which necessitated me utilizing my knowledge within the field at the same time as I developed a further understanding of ecosystems (especially south Swedish ones), how they have been developed over time and how they may be affected by anthropogenic intrusions.