Rubenstein School of Environment and Natural Resources

University of Vermont

Perennial Summer Internship Program - 2017

Internship Title: UVM Forest Lands Steward

Internship Site: UVM Jericho Research Forest Jericho, VT

Description:

This internship will be based at the Jericho Research Forest and Conservation Center will likely include field work at up to four other forest properties managed by the Rubenstein School. The successful candidate will work closely with the school’s forest manager to support a variety of community, research and educational forest uses. The work will range from regular daily tasks to field projects. A majority of the work will be in an outdoor setting.

To the extent possible, project based experience(s) will be paired with candidate’s interests and abilities. Examples of projects may include forest stand and feature mapping, boundary line maintenance, and invasive species monitoring and management. Routine support tasks will include preparing firewood, trail erosion mitigation, grounds maintenance and mowing. Training and mentoring will be provided by the UVM forest manager.

Desired qualifications/skills/coursework:

Access to transportation to Jericho, VT is required. The work may be physically challenging and may need to be carried out in a variety of weather conditions. Candidates must be reliable, motivated and be open to learning and applying new skills. Experience and interest in working with hand tools and machinery common to the landscaping and forestry trades is desirable (mowers, saws, etc). The ideal candidate will have coursework and/or experience in field navigation and orienteering, map use and making, word processing and spreadsheets to manage data. Digital mapping and navigating with GPS and ArcGIS are a definite plus although not a substitute for non-digital means.

*Rubenstein students currently in their sophomore and junior years are eligible to apply. Earning internship credit through the Rubenstein Internship Program is required.*

Supervision:

Ralph Tursini, RSENR Forest Lands Manager

Start and End Dates:

May 21 – August 18, 2017

Total Hours:

20 hours/week, 12 weeks
**Compensation:** $12.50/hour

**How to apply:** Follow step by step application instructions which are available on the Rubenstein Perennial Internship Program website. This will include logging into the CEMS-RSENR Internship, Co-Op, Research System and submitting the following (as pdfs whenever possible) by midnight, Sunday, January 29th 2017:

a. Resume
b. Cover Letter - You should upload and submit unique cover letters for each position to which you’re applying
c. Position Ranking - If you are applying for more than one Perennial Internship, please provide list of the positions in rank order.
d. Reference(s) – Provide name & contact information for at least one professional reference (this could be someone who supervised you in a past work/internship/volunteer position, a professor or teacher, etc.)
e. Transcript – Login to your my uvm portal, click on the Registrar link, click Request Official Transcript by email, once received save it as a pdf and upload.
f. A recommendation form, completed by a faculty member or teaching assistant, will also need to be submitted on your behalf. Please send this link to the faculty member/teaching assistant when you ask if they are willing to complete the recommendation form for you. Your recommender will complete & submit this form online and then your recommendation will be confidentially uploaded to your application(s).