Rubenstein School of Environment and Natural Resources
University of Vermont

Perennial Summer Internship Program - 2017

Internship Title: Land Steward Intern

Internship Site: The Land Conservancy of New Jersey, 19 Boonton Avenue, Boonton New Jersey

Description: The Land Steward Intern will work with our Management and Outreach Teams at The Land Conservancy of New Jersey’s Preserves. The internship will be located primarily at The Land Conservancy’s South Branch Preserve in Mt. Olive Township, Morris County, New Jersey. At this location The Land Conservancy owns and manages 400 acres of land, including a 145-plot community garden, wildflower meadow, forest restoration site, and farm. The Land Steward Intern will be responsible for serving as the liaison between The Land Conservancy and our gardeners, developing and running programs at the Community Garden, assisting gardeners with the management of their plots and donations to the Food Pantry, and upkeep of the materials for the kiosks at the Preserve. Additional responsibilities will include monitoring and reporting on Preserves owned by The Land Conservancy, property posting, trail maintenance and mapping, and assistance with projects through our municipal services and corporate volunteer programs (known as Partners for Greener Communities Program and Partners for Parks, respectively).

Desired qualifications/skills/coursework: Applicants for the Land Steward Internship should have a genuine enthusiasm for the outdoors and the ability to work outdoors in typical weather conditions. Through hands-on work, the Intern will learn the fundamentals of land conservation and land stewardship. Individuals interested in pursuing careers in land conservation, planning, environmental studies, public administration, government, and policy are best suited for this position. Independent workers with organized and clear communication skills will excel in this position.

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

Supervision: The Land Stewardship Intern will work closely with the Stewardship Manager and Vice President of Programs. The Vice President of Programs has over 15 years of experience working with our interns and overseeing The Land Conservancy’s internship program. Our Stewardship Manager is an experienced naturalist and is responsible for managing over 1,300 acres of land under ownership by The Land Conservancy.

Supervisor, Intern & RSENR Internship Coordinator will meet at the beginning, middle and end of the internship.

Start and End Dates:
Mid-May – Mid-August, 2017 (exact start/end dates are negotiable)

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).