Rubenstein School of Environment and Natural Resources
University of Vermont

Perennial Summer Internship Program - 2016

Internship Title: Kingdom Community Wind Intern

Internship Site: Monday and Tuesdays: Green Mountain Power, 163 Acorn Lane, Colchester, VT
Three Wednesdays per month: Kingdom Community Wind, Lowell, VT
One Saturday per month: Kingdom Community Wind, Lowell, VT

Description: Intern will be responsible for marketing and organizing all aspects of tours that Green Mountain Power offers at its 63 megawatt wind facility in Lowell, including assisting GMP technical and public relations persons in conducting the tours. Each summer, more than 1,000 people visit the site during the weekly tours, which are conducted at 10 am on three Wednesdays each month, and at 10 am and 12:30 pm on one Saturday each month. The intern will work with GMP staff to market the tours to ensure the public is aware of the tours, and there are multiple opportunities for creativity in getting the word out. The intern will also track responses and work with area schools in scheduling tours on the tour days. On the day of the tour, the intern will be responsible for presenting safety information, and as the season progresses, additional information about the wind project, as he or she becomes comfortable with the subject matter. The tours provide a terrific, fun opportunity for the intern to mingle with the public, give information about the project, answer questions, and find out what visitors to the site think about wind power and this project. The intern will also conduct a survey of participants, which helps to plan any improvements for the following year.

Desired qualifications/skills/coursework: Comfort communicating with and approaching members of the public are critical; organizational and excel skills to track attendees; interest in marketing and communications is a plus, as the better the marketing outreach, the more people attend the tours, which provides a better experience for the intern. Self-starters will thrive in this atmosphere, as there is ample opportunity to creatively market the tours and develop materials to enrich the experience for attendees.

*Rubenstein students currently in their first year, sophomore and junior year are eligible to apply.*

Supervision: GMP staff will be available in Colchester to consult with during all aspects of marketing and organizing, and will also be in Lowell to conduct the tours with the intern.

Start and End Dates: Mid-May – Mid-August, 2016 (exact start/end dates are negotiable)

Total Hours: 20 hours/week, 12 weeks

Compensation: $12.50/hour. Earning internship credit through the Rubenstein School Internship Program is required.

How to apply: Step by step application instructions are available on the Rubenstein Perennial Internship Program website. Applications are due by 4pm, Friday, January 29th, 2016 through Blackboard.