Rubenstein School of Environment and Natural Resources
University of Vermont

Perennial Summer Internship Program - 2016

Internship Title: Hurricane Island Science Education Internship

Internship Site: Hurricane Island, Penobscot Bay, Maine

Description: The Hurricane Island Science Education Intern (hereafter referred to as the Intern) will help develop and deliver curriculum relevant to Hurricane Island during our wide variety of summer programs. The Intern will receive training in experiential science education methods in addition to safety, Hurricane Island history, organisms, and environments, and Leave No Trace. The Intern will assist with implementation of our experiential science education and leadership courses on the island in July and August by developing program schedules, creating curriculum, serving as assistant and lead instructor, ensuring appropriate supervision of program participants, and documenting their work through Hurricane Island's existing social media accounts (e.g., blogging, Twitter, Instagram, Facebook). As part of an intentional community, the Intern will assist with daily community tasks critical to island function (i.e., composting, cleaning, gardening, etc.), greet visitors to the island, and participate in ongoing monitoring projects on the island. The Intern will be expected to take on increasingly independent roles as the internship progresses and will be evaluated and given regular feedback to improve their instruction skills and our overall programming.

 Desired qualifications/skills/coursework: Strong written and verbal communicator, works well as part of a team, enthusiastic about working on a remote Maine island, organized, self-motivated, willingness to learn and receive regular constructive feedback

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

Supervision: The Intern will be assigned to the Program Manager for daily supervision and needs. The Intern will additionally meet weekly with the Director of Education to review progress and discuss opportunities for improvement based on field observations and evaluations by the Director of Education.

Start and End Dates: 5/29/2016 – 8/20/2016 with some flexibility

Total Hours: Average 40 hours/week, 12 weeks

Compensation: $12.50/hour for 20 hours/week for 12 weeks. Room & board will be offered as compensation for the additional 20+ hours a week through out the duration of the internship. 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.