Internship Title: Intervale Conservation Nursery Irrigation Intern

Internship Site: Intervale Center, 180 Intervale Road Burlington VT 05401

Description: The 2016 Conservation Nursery Intern will assist in the design, construction and implementation of an automated irrigation system for our shrub mat. Currently, we irrigate this area by hand-watering, which is time-consuming and inefficient. The 2016 Intern will help us identify alternatives to hand-watering that are practical, effective and low-cost. We are especially looking for someone who can help us identify affordable alternatives to professional irrigation systems, which are quite expensive and not realistic options for a small-scale operation like ours.

You do not need a background in agriculture, irrigation or engineering. This internship is meant to be a learning experience for the RSENR student who is ready and willing to put her/his skills to work solving a specific problem. Most importantly, we are looking for an intern who has critical thinking skills and can think outside the box, has great attention to detail and takes pride in a finished product.

Desired qualifications/skills/coursework: Intern must be analytical, organized and a clear communicator. Must enjoy being outside and have a positive work ethic. At times the work will be unsupervised and so intern will need to be a self-starter who can work independently. Ability to tell a good story is a big plus!

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

Supervision: Intern will be under the supervision of Seth Gillim, ICN Assistant Manager.

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.