Rubenstein School of Environment and Natural Resources
University of Vermont
Perennial Summer Internship Program - 2016

Internship Title: Land Conservation and Management Intern

Internship Site: The Land Conservancy of New Jersey, Boonton NJ

Description: The Land Conservation and Management Intern will work with our Stewardship and Membership Engagement Teams to assist our staff in a variety of land management projects and outreach initiatives. A focal point will be the design and implementation of stewardship and community activities at our South Branch Preserve, located in Mt. Olive Township, New Jersey. The Land Conservancy has transformed 12 former corn fields into a showcase for native forest restoration, wildflower transformation to support the return of the monarch butterfly, creation of pollinator habitat for bees, a 145 plot community garden, and a farm to grow food to feed local people in need. Restoring the native forest, implementing river-friendly, organic farming practices on the agricultural fields, supporting the Community Garden, and managing the landscape for protection of the drinking water supply are the bedrock of the land management activities at the Preserve. The Land Conservation and Management Intern will design, establish and run a series of outdoor and educational programs at the Preserve and Garden for our members and local visitors. The Intern will investigate the possible installation of a web-cam, blog, and outreach program to engage our members and community at the Preserve and on other properties owned and managed by The Land Conservancy.

Desired qualifications/skills/coursework: Applicants for the Land Conservation and Management Internship should have a genuine enthusiasm for the outdoors and the ability to work outdoors in typical summer 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 first year, sophomore and junior year are eligible to apply.*

Supervision: The Land Conservation and Management 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

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](http://www.rubenstein.com). Applications are due by **4pm, Friday, January 29th, 2016**, through Blackboard.