Rubenstein School of Environment and Natural Resources

University of Vermont

Perennial Summer Internship Program - 2016

Internship Title: UVM Natural Areas Field Intern

Internship Site: UVM Environmental Program, 153 South Prospect Street and various UVM Natural Areas around the region including Centennial Woods, Colchester Bog, Mount Mansfield, Shelburne Pond, Carse Wetlands, East Woods, Pease Mountain, and Redstone Quarry.

Description: Responsible for the management and maintenance of the UVM Natural Areas. Maintain workshop, tools and equipment. Drive to the natural areas to conduct regular patrol visits. Maintain trails, signs, boundaries, information displays, boardwalks, and other visitor facilities. Construct trails and related facilities including boardwalks, signs, information displays, etc. where needed. Control invasive plant species. Monitor human and other disturbances. Assist with the development of management plans, information materials, trail guides, and other publications. Work with volunteers and possibly other interns. Interact with the public visiting the natural areas. Outreach to visitors, user groups, neighbors, and others. Undertake individual projects to be determined.

Desired qualifications/skills/coursework: Basic landscaping and trail maintenance skills. Knowledge of Vermont natural history and ecology. Ability to work with hand and power tools. GPS and GIS skills. Willingness to work outdoors in various weather conditions and terrain. Able to work independently and without direct supervision. Good problem-solving and interpersonal skills. Valid drivers’ license, clean driving record, and approval to operate UVM vehicles desirable.

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

Supervision: Rick Paradis, UVM Natural Areas Director will provide orientation and training with regular supervision through the summer. Intern will work independently without constant supervision.

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: Submit a resume, cover letter and an academic reference (professor name and contact information) by Friday, January 29th, 2016 through Blackboard.