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

Internship Title: Environmental Scientist/Technician

Internship Site: Vanasse Hangen Brustlin, Inc. (VHB), South Burlington, VT

Description: Vanasse Hangen Brustlin, Inc. (VHB) is seeking qualified applicants from the Rubenstein School of Environment and Natural Resources (RSENR) for a summer internship position as an entry-level Environmental Scientist/Technician at our South Burlington, Vermont office. VHB is a 1,000+ person firm that provides integrated environmental, transportation, and land development services from approximately 20 offices located up and down the eastern seaboard. In our South Burlington office (located ~4 miles south of Burlington on U.S. Route 7), our diverse and challenging portfolio includes projects related to utilities, renewable energy, ski resorts, agriculture, transportation infrastructure, municipalities, and real estate development. VHB is committed to providing a challenging, fun, and rewarding work environment.

The entry-level Environmental Scientist/Technician position will involve tasks such as: field work throughout Vermont and neighboring states, data processing and analysis, GIS and map-making, and technical report-writing. Typical field duties may include: testing of soil, groundwater, and surface water quality; hazardous site monitoring; collection of soil and water samples; wetland identification and delineation; wildlife habitat, floristic, or natural community surveys; ecological monitoring; and GPS data collection. Key responsibilities will involve the ability to conduct tasks independently and as part of a team, with instruction and mentoring from project managers and other field/data technicians. Responsibilities may involve working in remote field locations, at night, on weekends, and/or in challenging weather conditions.

Desired qualifications/skills/coursework: This position requires that the student be enrolled in RSENR’s core curriculum, with a concentrated study in environmental science, natural resources, wetland science, and/or a related field. This position also requires that the student has successfully completed at least an introductory environmental sciences course (e.g., ENSC 1) with additional completion of environmental science-related (specifically GIS) coursework desirable. The ideal candidate will have strong writing and computer skills including proficiency in Microsoft Word, Microsoft Excel, and ESRI ArcGIS. The ideal candidate will be motivated and detail-oriented. Valid driver’s license preferred, but student does not need access to personal vehicle.

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

Supervision: This position will be supervised by one of VHB’s senior project managers in Environmental Services. Supervisor, Intern & RSENR Internship Coordinator will meet at the beginning, middle and end of the internship.

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

Total Hours: 20 hours/week, 12 weeks (more hours may be possible)
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.