Internship Title: Forest Legacy Program/State Lands Photography and Easement Monitoring Intern

Internship Site: Vermont Agency of Natural Resources, Dept. of Forests, Parks & Recreation, Montpelier/Statewide. Intern is expected to report to the Forests, Parks and Recreation central office in Montpelier which is serviced by the CCTA Regional bus service. UVM students are able to use this service for free with a valid ID. An estimated 50% of the time will in the office preparing for field visits and the remaining 50% will be spent in the field.

Description: The Vermont Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation (FPR) is actively engaged with conserving important forest land through the Federal Forest Legacy Program (FLP) which provides funding for purchase of conservation easements on private land and fee purchase for public ownership through a partnership with the US Forest Service. This internship will work with two aspects of the FLP, assisting with the annual monitoring of nearly 60,000 acres of conserved forestland with conservation easements held by FPR and photographing properties purchased and conserved with Forest Legacy funding for promotional materials and use on the FPR website. Assisting with monitoring visits will include accompanying FPR staff during monitoring site visits to document conditions of properties, organizing files in preparation for monitoring visits, and documenting condition of properties after the visits are completed. This activity will be 50% of the time. Photographing FLP properties for use in promotional materials will occupy the remaining 50%. This activity will involve significant field work but will also require office time to edit and organize photographs and write promotional summaries about the photographed property. It is expected that the intern will learn about photography, land conservation, forestry practices, protection of wildlife habitat and other resource management on public land.

Will be required to write and assemble promotional materials, fill out monitoring reports with information from site visits, and organize files and information related to easement monitoring. Field work will require hiking both on and off trail over all types of terrain in all weather conditions.

Please provide a sample of your written and photography work with your application.

Desired qualifications/skills/coursework:

Photography skills / photo editing / writing skills/knowledge of natural resources

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

Supervision: Kate Willard and other FPR staff

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. Also provide a sample of your written and photography work with your application.