Rubenstein School of Environment and Natural Resources
University of Vermont

Perennial Summer Internship Program - 2016

**Internship Title:** Wetland-Based Wildlife Management Area Intern

**Internship Site:** Vermont Agency of Natural Resources, Department of Fish & Wildlife, Dead Creek Wildlife Management Area, Addison, VT

**Description:** This internship will include 3 primary duties: (1). Implementation of vegetation survey at impoundments under water level management regimes. Data entry and tracking and write end-of-season report. (30%) (2). Assist with spring nest box checks and banding. Assist with statewide goose banding efforts and if available, localized duck banding. (30%) (3). Assist with general land management duties such as planting or cutting back trees, removing beaver debris, lawn care, building maintenance and repair, erecting signs, marking boundaries, etc. (40%)

**Desired qualifications/skills/coursework:** Plant identification skills, particularly wetland plants and grasses. Comfort with plant survey techniques and implementing a pre-designed methodology. With training, must be willing to safely handle live waterfowl or other wildlife, as well as carcasses. Must be willing to get dirty and work long hours in various weather conditions and with biting insects. Must be interested in learning new skills and able listen to instructions due to sometimes hazardous conditions and duties. Must be familiar with Excel and other Office programs. Willingness to work alone in the field if needed after suitable training. Basic understanding of carpentry and comfortable driving 4wd vehicles helpful but not required.

Intern will have to provide own transportation to Addison and their own housing. Intern should provide own pair of knee-high waterproof boots for working in tall grass, mud, water, etc. Other protective equipment such as waders, hearing protection, and bug spray will be provided.

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

**Supervision:** Primary supervisor will be Amy Alfieri, manager of Dead Creek WMA. Intern will also work under the direction of John Mlcuch, wildlife technician or David Sausville, wildlife biologist.

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

**Total Hours:** 40 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.