

Rubenstein School of Environment and Natural Resources

University of Vermont

Perennial Summer Internship Program - 2022

Internship Title: Alpine Zone Interviewer

Internship Site: Mount Mansfield Toll Road Summit Station

Description: The University of Vermont owns 400-acres of the ridgeline on Mount Mansfield, the tallest mountain in Vermont. This property, part of the UVM Natural Areas system, is home to many fragile alpine plants. Approximately 2.5 miles of the Long Trail, a border-to-border trail in Vermont that runs across the Green Mountains from Massachusetts to Canada, runs right through this property. The Green Mountain Club manages the trail system and has been a close partner to the University of Vermont, playing a vital role in educating the public about sensitive plants and the importance of staying on the trail when hiking to minimize disturbance. The intern's work will be focused on two main objectives: (1) Design and conduct a survey targeting hikers on the mountain that will gather data on their knowledge of mountain stewardship. (2) Capture photos and videos that will be used for future programming.

The hiker survey results will act as a control before RSENR and the Green Mountain Club develop new programs and public education opportunities over the next few years. The intention is to have the same survey conducted again in 4-6 years, using the same methods, to quantify changes in the knowledge of recreationalists before and after these efforts.

RSENR is interested in developing programs, research, and public education on Mt. Mansfield's alpine zone in the coming years in collaboration with the Green Mountain Club. Media that is developed by this intern will be used to enhance knowledge of these efforts on the web and social media.

Desired qualifications/skills/coursework: Access to transportation to the top of the Toll Road of Mount Mansfield is required. The work may be physically challenging at times and may need to be carried out in a variety of weather conditions on steep, rugged, and uneven terrain. The ideal candidate will have coursework or experience in developing and executing public surveys.

***Rubenstein students currently in their sophomore and junior years are eligible to apply. Seniors graduating in May 2022 are not eligible to apply. Earning Independent Study or Internship credit through the Rubenstein Internship Program is required. Due to possible restrictions related to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, Perennial Internships may happen as described or be modified. ***

Supervision: Joshua Beneš, Assistant Director for Operations (RSENR), will be the primary supervisor with support from Nigel Bates, Caretaker Field Supervisor for the Green Mountain Club.

Start and End Dates: Mid-May – Mid-August, 2022 (exact start/end dates are negotiable)

Total Hours: 20 hours/week for 12 weeks.

Compensation: \$13.55/hour

How to apply:

1. Click the following link to view the Rubenstein Perennial Internship Descriptions in Handshake: <https://uvm.joinhandshake.com/employers/226837>
 - a. If asked to log in: click “UVM Net ID Login” & login.
 - b. Click the Favorite button to enable easier searches in the future.
2. Click “View All Jobs” in Jobs at Rubenstein Perennial Internship Program box on right side of page.
3. You should now see the great Perennial internship opportunities! Click “View Details” to learn more about each position.
 - a. Please do take the time to carefully read each individual description so that you don’t miss a great opportunity by judging an internship solely on its title.
 - b. You may apply for up to **three** Perennial Internships.
 - c. All applications are due by 11:59pm, on Monday, February 21st, 2022.
4. You’ll need to upload both required documents in Handshake before you can apply for any Perennial Internship:
 - a. Click on your name at top right of screen in Handshake
 - b. Select Documents.
5. Please upload all documents as pdfs. The following are the required documents:
 - a. Resume
 - b. Cover Letter
 - i. You should write and upload a unique cover letter for each position to which you are applying.

- ii. In your cover letter, provide the name & contact information for at least one professional reference. This could be someone who supervised you in a past work/internship/volunteer position, or a professor or teacher, etc. The person listed should **not** be the person who completes your recommendation form.
- 6. In addition to the documents listed above, a recommendation form will need to be completed by a Rubenstein faculty, graduate student, or staff member of your choosing.

When you ask your recommender if they are willing to complete the form to support your application, please provide your recommender

- a. This link: [recommendation form link](#)
 - b. Only one recommendation form needs to be completed regardless of how many Perennial Internships you are applying for.
 - c. Your recommender will complete & submit this form online and then your recommendation will be confidentially added to your application(s). This recommendation form needs to be submitted by the February 21st, deadline.
- 7. Make sure that your resume and cover letter(s) are as strong as they can be! Utilize the resources around you:
 - a. The Rubenstein Stewards are great at reviewing resumes/cover letters and providing helpful feedback. Email the Stewards to schedule an appointment after the start of the semester: RSENRStewards@uvm.edu
 - b. Get your resume and cover letter reviewed by a Career Counselor at the Career Center. [You can check the Career Center's drop-in hours here.](#) The Career Center also offers [a guide on building your resume available here.](#)
- 8. If you are selected to interview for a Perennial Internship, you will be contacted by the site to set up an interview during early-mid March.