
The Nature Conservancy

Working Woodlands Program

Internship Opportunity

POSITION TITLE: Forest Ecologist Intern
JOB FAMILY: Conservation
LOCATION: Albany or New Paltz, NY

WORK WITH US:

The Nature Conservancy is the leading conservation organization working to make a positive impact around the world in more than 69 countries, all 50 United States, and your backyard. Founded in 1951, the mission of The Nature Conservancy is to conserve the lands and waters on which all life depends. One of our core values is our commitment to diversity. Therefore, we are committed to a globally diverse and culturally competent workforce. Visit www.nature.org to learn more.

ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS

The Forest Ecological GLOBE intern will be an active participant in our emerging Working Woodlands Program which rewards private forest owners for good forest management practices. By capitalizing on growing interest in forest carbon off-sets, we can monetize the standing carbon within forests and work with landowners to develop sustainable forest management plans to generate revenue from both timber operations and the carbon off-set market. Having an intern with forest management experience will greatly help our program meet the deadline of submitting a Forest Stewardship Council forest management plan by Oct. 2017 while also helping us put additional projects in the pipeline.

The primary responsibility will be the gathering of data for the development of the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) Forest Management Plan. This will include creating property boundary maps, developing forest stand maps, gathering environmental data, researching various cultural and social aspects associated with FSC plans, refining and populating a Connect (SharePoint) site to hold the all data. Secondly, the intern may also conduct field work to assist with a forest management inventory and/or to conduct a forest carbon rapid assessment. As time allows, the intern may also help digitize and organize some of our preserve/stewardship data including organizing and digitizing survey maps, updating preserve maps, GPS/verifying trails and other data in the field, etc.

BASIC QUALIFICATIONS

- Enrolled in an undergraduate program, graduate program, or a recent graduate from a Forestry Program or related field, or equivalent
- Valid driver's license and compliance with the Conservancy's Auto Safety Program
- Training of forest management practices
- Training of forest management plans
- Training of Forest Stewardship Council and other forestry accreditation programs
- GIS coursework and map making skills
- Basic field navigation skills (i.e. use of compass and map)
- Experience with Excel, Word and other MS Office products

PREFERRED QUALIFICATIONS

- Candidate Certified Forester (Society of American Foresters)
- Experience with various forestry software tools

WORKING CONDITIONS/PHYSICAL EFFORT

- May work in variable weather conditions, at remote locations, on difficult and hazardous terrain and under physically demanding circumstances

ADDITIONAL JOB INFORMATION

- Pay is set at \$14/hour and 40 hours/week
- This is a full-time, temporary 12-week internship position.
- Start and end dates are flexible but we anticipate June 5th – August 25, 2017.
- Potential for extended work into the academic year if desirable.
- Housing still to be determined. Assume that you will need to seek your own housing, but we are looking into shared intern housing.

ELIGIBILITY

- Position is open to current students and soon to be graduates of the Rubenstein School of Environment and Natural Resources.

HOW TO APPLY:

To apply, create a single PDF document that includes a cover letter, resume and 3 references and email this to Forest_0whzjveffik1jdzr@u.box.com. The filename of the PDF document should include your last name and first name (e.g. Smith_Jane_Forestry_Intern.pdf). You will receive a quick response letting you know that the box was received and uploaded to Box. Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis until a candidate is identified. We will begin reviewing resumes on May 11th and hope to have a candidate selected no later than May 26th.

The Nature Conservancy is an Equal Opportunity Employer

Our commitment to diversity includes the recognition that our conservation mission is best advanced by the leadership and contributions of men and women of diverse backgrounds, beliefs and culture. Recruiting and mentoring staff to create an inclusive organization that reflects our global character is a priority and we encourage applicants from all cultures, races, colors, religions, sexes, national or regional origins, ages, disability status, sexual orientation, gender identity, military, protected veteran status or other status protected by law.