

Invasive Plant Program Internship

VTrans Maintenance & Operations Bureau and VT Department of Forests, Parks & Recreation

Location: Rutland, VT

Reports to: VT FPR Habitat Restoration Crew leader

Description: In collaboration with VTrans Maintenance & Operations Bureau, the VT Department of Forests, Parks, & Recreation's Invasive Plant Program is working to mitigate the impacts of one of the biggest issues facing Vermont's forests and publicways – invasive plants. Through a combination of extensive outreach and targeted management on state lands, the program aims to protect these areas and to bring awareness to the issue of invasive plants.

This internship position will support these efforts and encompass two distinct roles:

- 1) Create outreach materials for use by VTFPR and VTrans staff and distribute the material to a broader audience through VTinvasives.org and elsewhere
- 2) Assist the habitat restoration crew with invasive plant management activities on state land

Responsibilities:

- 1) Research and compile "fact sheets" on specific invasive plants to be used for ongoing management and outreach
- 2) Assist field crew in all aspects of invasive plant management including but not limited to:
 - treatments
 - site and treatment assessments
 - documenting crew work completed
 - technical assistance for volunteer workdays
- 3) Track and report hours worked in a timely, biweekly manner
- 4) Create a final report on work completed, including final versions of the "fact sheets"

Qualifications:

- 1) Proficient with computers, Microsoft software products like Publisher and Word, and conducting online research on a variety of scientific topics
- 2) An interest in communicating science to the public
- 3) An interest in natural resource management, environmental science, and/or conservation
- 4) Works well independently or as part of a team
- 5) Willingness to work inside in an office environment, and outside in all types of weather
- 6) Valid Driver's License
- 7) Experience with invasive plants, plant ID, or previous field work preferred, but not required

Time Commitment:

The ideal candidate would be available May – August and be able to work 32 hours per week. Flexible start and end dates available.

Compensation: Stipend available

Academic Credit: You must arrange this through your university or college.

IN ORDER TO BE CONSIDERED FOR AN INTERNSHIP CANDIDATES MUST SUBMITT A RESUME, COVER LETTER, AND REFERENCES TO: Heather Ewing: Heather.ewing@vermont.gov

Application deadline: April 19th. Resumes will be reviewed on a rolling basis.