

**Internship Title:** The Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP) Liaison

**Internship Site:** Hybrid Internship - 1 National Life Drive, Montpelier, VT; serviced by the CCTA Regional bus service (<http://cctaride.org/bus-routes-schedules>).

**Description:**

The RCPP Liaison will work within the Department of Environmental Conservation's (DEC) Clean Water Initiative Program (CWIP), leading a communication project for the Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP). RCPP is a \$10M grant DEC received from the US Department of Agriculture to accelerate the implementation of forestry and agriculture best management practices across the state. The DEC was recently awarded an additional \$10M to continue this work through 2029.

The RCPP Liaison will help lead a communication effort to highlight the success of RCPP, explore opportunities for education and outreach, and develop a tool that will aid landowners in choosing the best funding program for their individual needs. The RCPP Liaison will work closely with the Agricultural Grant Program Coordinator and Agricultural Water Quality Section Chief within the CWIP, to learn a multi-faceted program that interacts with state and federal water quality partners across Vermont.

This unique opportunity will provide a better understanding of grant and project management, foster communication skills, and offer both office and field experience, working at the DEC and visiting project sites. The work conducted through this internship will result in broader outreach of the RCPP program and projects being developed, clearer communication throughout the application process, and result in an overview that will be included in DEC's Final RCPP Report.

**Desired qualifications/skills/coursework:**

The ideal candidate will have:

Background knowledge on agricultural and forestry operations and their relationship to water quality and natural resource issues.

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**\*Rubenstein students currently in their sophomore and junior years are eligible to apply. Earning Independent Study or Internship credit through the Rubenstein Internship Program is required. \***

if they are willing to complete the form to support your application, please provide your recommender:

- This link: [RECOMMENDATION FORM](#)
- Only one recommendation form needs to be completed regardless of how many Perennial Internships you are applying for.
- 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 5th, deadline.

7. Make sure that your resume and cover letter(s) are as strong as they can be! Utilize the resources around you:

- The Rubenstein Student Advisory Board members are great at reviewing resumes/cover letters and providing helpful feedback! Email the SAB to schedule an appointment after the start of the semester, or stop by their peer mentoring hours when the Spring semester starts (schedule to be posted by Jan 16, 2024): [rsenrsab@uvm.edu](mailto:rsenrsab@uvm.edu)
- 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](#).
- Get connected with folks in the Rubenstein Student Services Office for resume and cover letter review during drop-in hours:  
Meghan Young – Tuesdays, 10:00am-12:00pm, Aiken 219 Emily LeForce – Thursdays, 1:00-3:00pm, Aiken 220 Hub  
Cathy Shiga-Gattullo – Mondays, 1:00-3:00pm, Aiken 220 Hub

8. If you are selected to interview for a Perennial Internship, you will be contacted by the site to set up an interview during late February to early March.