

Rubenstein School of Environment and Natural Resources

University of Vermont

Perennial Summer Internship Program - 2024

Internship Title: Urban & Community Forestry Intern

Internship Site: The duties of this internship involve statewide field work. Additional office work will be required; given the hybrid/telework nature of our program staff, the intern will need to do office work remotely. Weekly check-ins will happen either remotely or in person in Burlington or Montpelier.

Description: The VT Urban & Community Forestry Program (VT UCF) is a collaborative program of the VT Department of Forests, Parks & Recreation and UVM Extension; our team offers technical, financial, and educational assistance towards the stewardship of public trees and community forests statewide. The focus of this internship will be on three primary projects:

- **Municipal and Roadside Ash Tree Inventory:** VT UCF supports tree inventory tools that allow communities to collect data on their trees to facilitate planning and management of the urban forest. Our tools utilize the ArcGIS Field Maps and ArcGIS Survey 123 applications. They are conducted on mobile devices and are supported by the GIS team at the Vermont Agency of Natural Resources. Over 24,000 data points have been entered by 34 Vermont cities and towns and two non-profit organizations. Similarly, unprecedented more general access to nature and the benefits of urban forests. The intern will work with UCF's Urban Forestry team to assist in the selection, integrating tree inventory results in

Additionally, the Urban & Community Forestry Intern will have the opportunity to assist with other VT UCF programs, guided by their interests. We encourage interested applicants to explore our website, www.vtcommunityforestry.org, to better understand the programs we offer statewide. This internship touches on many aspects of urban forestry, arboriculture, community planning, and tree stewardship efforts in Vermont. Training and mentoring will be provided by members of the five-person VT UCF program staff.

Desired qualifications/skills/coursework: Candidates must be motivated and able to work in a team while also comfortable working independently. We seek an individual who is willing to learn, enthusiastic about the work, and is excited to work with communities and volunteers to address urban forestry issues and needs. Candidates must be willing to work outside in a variety of weather conditions and enjoy both field work and (home) office work. Experience, course work, and/or strong skills in tree identification and knowledge of tree biology and health are desirable, as is familiarity with basic forest inventory tools. Familiarity with GIS and available ArcGIS apps is desirable. Access to a phone, internet, and a computer is required. A valid driver's license is required; the intern will have access to State vehicles provided they take a required course or they could also use a personal vehicle for travel (mileage will be reimbursed).

***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. ***

Supervision: Elise Schadler, Urban & Community Forestry Program Manager, VT Department of Forests, Parks & Recreation

Start and End Dates: Mid-May – Mid-August, 2024 (exact start/end dates are negotiable)

Total Hours: 20 – 25 hours/week over the course of 10-12 weeks, negotiable and flexible with a total of approximately 300 hours.

Compensation: \$18/hour

How to apply:

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Participate in the
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on February 5th

At 11:59pm, on Monday, February 5th, 2024.

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