

Perennial Internship Program – Summer 2025

Internship Position Description

Internship Title: Vermont Forest Health Program Intern

Internship Site: Vermont Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation (FPR) – Essex Junction, VT

Description: This internship will work with Forest Health Program staff at FPR, primarily on the establishment of ash demonstration forests throughout Vermont, though other Forest Health opportunities may arise. With emerald ash borer (EAB) threatening every species of ash in Vermont, identifying sites to protect and to be used for education are increasingly important. This is a collaborative project that will provide the intern with experience in working with various programs and departments within the Agency of Natural Resources, as well as with our Abenaki partners.

This work will involve site selection for both black-ash-specific, and multi-ash-species demonstration forests. Depending on the site, activities may include:

Site preparation and establishment, biocontrol release, seed collection, lingering ash monitoring, and participation in black ash pounding workshop(s).

Skills practiced: Tree identification, EAB identification, Tree health metrics,

How to apply:

Rubenstein students who will have completed their sophomore or junior year by summer 2025 are eligible to apply. Students graduating in May 2025 are not eligible to apply. Earning Independent Study or Internship credit through the Rubenstein Internship Program is required.

1. Click the following link to view the Rubenstein Perennial Internship Descriptions in Handshake:

<https://uvm.joinhandshake.com/employers/226837>

- x If asked to log in: click “UVM Net ID Login” & login.
- x 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 Perennial Internship opportunities! Click “View Details” to learn more about each position.

- x 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.
- x You may apply for up to three Perennial Internships.
- x All applications are due by 11:59pm, on Friday, February 7th, 2025.

4. You’ll need to upload both required documents in Handshake before you can apply for any Perennial Internship:

- x Click on your name at top right of screen in Handshake
- x Select Documents.

5. Please upload all documents as PDFs. The following are the required documents:

- x Resume
- x Cover Letter
 - R You should write and upload a unique cover letter for each position to which you are applying.
 - R 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