



Atkinson and Lovejoy Conservation Internships

Two full-time, 25-week positions

Now accepting resumes from candidates for 2018

New England Wild Flower Society, the oldest native plant conservation organization in the United States, is a recognized leader in regional plant conservation. Two core initiatives--the New England Plant Conservation Program (NEPCoP) and the Plant Conservation Volunteer (PCV) program--engage professional and citizen volunteers in rare species monitoring, habitat management, invasive species monitoring and control, reintroduction and augmentation projects, and long-term conservation planning. These innovative and award-winning programs work closely with Natural Heritage offices and with conservation organizations in all six New England states.

The Herbert J. and Esther M. Atkinson, and the Lovejoy Conservation Internships offer a range of learning opportunities in field actions that are integral to the Society's conservation programs, from coordinating volunteers and entering data to conducting botanical surveys and undertaking management projects. As part of their internship, interns will have an education plan and be required to complete a project on a topic of their choice.

DESCRIPTION

The Society offers two, 25-week internships. The interns have the opportunity to learn about all aspects of the Society's conservation initiatives while assisting staff in conducting training programs, retrieving data from the heritage programs, obtaining landowner permission for rare plant surveys, sending out volunteer assignments, and entering data. Additionally, the interns are involved in planning and implementing restoration and management activities, invasive species initiatives, general floristic surveys, and PCV field trips to botanically interesting locations throughout the region.

SKILLS

Candidates should have some familiarity with the flora of New England and ecological processes, excellent speaking and writing skills, good phone skills, a willingness to call landowners, and a sense of humor. Interns must respect and maintain the confidentiality of rare species locations. Some long days in difficult situations (hot, buggy, and wet) are required.

DETAILS

Internships: Two full-time, 25-week positions

Starting date: Flexible, as early as March 20, but no later than May 15, 2018

Compensation: A seasonal internship with a stipend of \$300.00 a week, plus free housing provided by the Society (which is taxed as a benefit valued at \$140/week)

Application Deadline: February 1, 2018 for current year's internships

HOW TO APPLY

Submit cover letter, resume, and reference list by email to: Laney Widener, Botanical Coordinator, at lwidener@newenglandwild.org. Please also use this contact for questions about the internships.