

Ecological Restoration Internship

Spring/Summer 2021

Love working outdoors in nature? If you are an Evanston youth age 18 or older, interested in career training in environmental sciences, forestry, landscaping, or gardening-related fields, this internship might be for you!

Job description

Under direction of site stewards, the intern will train and supervise youth volunteers to work outdoors in two natural areas currently undergoing restoration in Evanston: the Ladd Arboretum and Harbert-Payne Woods.

Through on-site training and online classes, the intern will:

- Work with natural area stewards to monitor and assess work sites;
- Plant, water, and care for native trees, shrubs, wildflowers, grasses, and sedges;
- Learn to identify and remove common invasive plants and weeds;
- Learn to plan and lead successful volunteer workdays;
- Recruit and model enthusiasm for additional youth volunteers who will connect with nature through restoration work;
- Maintain volunteer records;
- Prepare work reports;
- Learn what constitutes a native ecosystem in our region;
- Learn basic tree and plant identification;
- Learn successful planting techniques;
- Propagate native plants from seed.

Schedule and stipend

The 6-week position begins in early June. A typical work week is 12 hours, including on-site monitoring and workdays, planning and preparation, and online training. Workdays are generally Tuesday morning, occasional Saturdays and Sundays, with other days to be determined based on weather and site conditions. Stipend is \$1,440 for a total of 72 hours over the course of 6 weeks.

Requirements

18+ years old

Enthusiasm for working outdoors in all weather in close contact with soil and insects

Interest in plants, nature, and environment

Reliability, punctuality

Strong communication and leadership skills

Ability to work hard and lift moderate to heavy loads

Ability to pay close attention to plant identification details

How to apply

Submit a letter explaining in at least 2–3 paragraphs why you would like to do this work, a little about yourself, and why you think you would be a good candidate for this job. Send to Habitat@NaturalHabitatEvanston.org with the subject: Habitat Intern

Deadline for applying is April 15. Finalists will be invited to an interview in late April or early May.

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