



Summer Internship – Research, Stewardship and Facilities

Position Summary: The goal of this full-time, seasonal position is to develop skills to become environmentally responsible mentors for the urban Milwaukee community. Interns will experience the full scope of the Urban Ecology Center's departments of Grounds and Facilities, Land Stewardship and Citizen Science Research at our Riverside Park, Washington Park, and Menomonee Valley branches. Interns will additionally serve as mentors to high school interns, assist with visitors, programs and general operations and perform other projects as needed.

Qualifications: High school diploma or GED and some college course work are required. Working toward or completion of an undergraduate or graduate degree in natural sciences, education, architecture, engineering, or a related area. Previous experience working with volunteers and strong communication skills are preferred. Physical ability with reasonable accommodation required for various activities, such as moving dirt in wheelbarrows, and working long days in the field under various weather conditions.

Compensation: \$2,000

Closing dates: Applications are being accepted immediately and are processed on a rolling basis, so early application is strongly encouraged. Final application deadline is Sunday April 1, 2012, and applicants should be notified by mid-April.

Internship duration: Wednesday, June 6, through Friday, August 17, 2012

Primary Responsibilities

- **Citizen Science**
 - Work closely with the Manager of Research and Citizen Science, Research Assistant, Geographic Information Systems Specialist, and field techs to support research and monitoring efforts in the Milwaukee Rotary Centennial Arboretum, Washington Park and the Menomonee Valley.
 - Facilitate research projects, including bird, bat, vegetation, butterfly, snake, turtle and mammal surveys
 - Assist with logistics and data management as needed
- **Natural Area Management and Native Landscaping**
 - Work closely with the Center's land stewardship department to restore and maintain natural areas (prairie, rain, rooftop sensory and butterfly gardens, etc.) of Riverside and Washington parks
 - Conduct vegetation surveys and collect other data critical for restoration planning
 - Manage composting systems and organic food demonstration gardens and provide resources for community gardeners
 - Construct, repair and maintain trails

- **Sustainable Building**

- Work closely with the Facilities Coordinator to maintain our building in an ecologically sustainable way
- Optimize and monitor building systems to save water, energy and resources
- Practice techniques that reduce the environmental impact of our facility

Training: On-site training for all the above is ongoing throughout the internship.

Reports to: Manager of Research and Citizen Science

The Urban Ecology Center serves a socially and culturally diverse audience. We strive to build a team of employees with similar richness in culture and experience. To apply online, be prepared to attach: 1) a [letter of interest](#), 2) [three references](#) and 3) [resume](#). Questions about the application can be sent to Nancy Spransy: nspransy@urbanecologycenter.org.

Look for organizational information at our website: www.UrbanEcologyCenter.org.

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