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Mains Family Internship

Internship Summary:

The Conservation Foundation (TCF) has a variety of paid internships available for current undergraduate, or graduate students interested in environmentally-related studies. TCF is committed to fostering the next generation of environmental stewards and believes that first hand experience is the best teacher. Our mission is focused on improving the health of our communities by preserving and restoring natural areas and open space, protecting rivers and watersheds, and promoting stewardship of the environment. If you share our passion, we want to hear from you!

This is a 6 to 12 month long internship and may be used to satisfy requirements of the candidate's major.

Student interns serve as part-time staff members of TCF's professional staff and work will be focused primarily around: restoration, marketing & fundraising, organic farming, and community conservation. Students will apply for and be assigned to a specific program team within the organization and work will primarily be centered around the projects and goals of the team.

Rate of Pay, Schedule, and Job Location:

\$14/hour, part time, non-exempt position based out of the McDonald Farm in Naperville, IL. Interns are expected to work approximately 24 hours/week throughout the summer and 8 hours/week the remainder of the assignment. Schedule is flexible.

Team-focused internships:

Land Preservation Team

Duties may include, but are not limited to: hands-on ecological restoration, native landscape maintenance, assistance with native tree and shrub sales, accompanying staff on conservation easement monitoring visits and preparation of baseline documentation, organization of ecological survey data, participation in volunteer stewardship events, and monitoring bluebird nesting boxes.

Advancement Team

Duties may include, but are not limited to: assist in the creation and implementation of fundraising events and campaigns, help develop and execute marketing research projects, write social media posts, design promotional flyers, research, identify and contact potential sponsors/donors for in-kind or other program support.

Green Earth Harvest Team

Duties may include, but are not limited to: seeding, weeding, watering and harvesting on our 60-acre organic farm, washing and sorting produce, organic certification assistance, staffing the farm share pick ups and farm stand, assistance with the plant sale.

Community Conservation Team

Duties may include, but are not limited to: support of our Conservation@Home programs, Youth Education Programs (including summer camps and field trips), assisting with plant sales, outreach at local events, and participating in partnership meetings that help expand our community conservation engagement activities.

Additional opportunities will be made available to provide a broad experience to our students. Examples include, but are not limited to: performing water quality assessments in our local rivers and streams, video production assistance, data analysis, volunteer workdays, and more.



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Qualifications:

The ideal candidates will have strong communication skills and basic knowledge of computer applications like the Microsoft Office suite. A positive attitude and ability to work collaboratively is a must. A genuine passion for the TCF mission and an authentic desire to learn and grow are essential. A valid driver's license and reliable transportation required. The ability to speak Spanish is a plus.

Timeline:

Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis until all available internship positions are filled. Anticipated start date is May 2023. Please indicate on your application materials the specific team for which you are interested in being considered.

The Conservation Foundation is committed to creating a diverse, equitable and inclusive environment where everyone is valued and belongs. We seek to be an organization where each individual thrives and where unique views, beliefs and perspectives are respected and celebrated.

The Conservation Foundation is an equal opportunity employer. All aspects of employment including the decision to hire, promote, discipline, or discharge, will be based on merit, competence, performance, and business needs. We do not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, marital status, age, national origin, ancestry, physical or mental disability, medical condition, pregnancy, genetic information, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, veteran status, or any other status protected under federal, state, or local law.

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