

Title: Ecology/Land Stewardship Internship

Agency: Highstead

Location: Redding, CT

Job Description:

Highstead, a regional land conservation and ecological research center, is accepting applications for a stewardship/ecology intern in the spring and summer of 2018. The primary responsibility will be to assist in the development of the Wildlands and Woodlands Stewardship Science Project (Stewardship Science) – a regional forest monitoring program led by Highstead and the Harvard Forest. Duties will include (1) helping develop and write a wildlife monitoring user manual to complement the existing [W&W Stewardship Science forest monitoring manual](#); (2) encouraging prospective participants via email and presentation(s)/workshop(s) to join Stewardship Science; (3) responding to participants' questions and providing guidance on field methodology and study design, both remotely and in the field; and (4) entering existing datasets into the Stewardship Science online database.

Time permitting, an additional project may include (5) helping to resample the herbaceous and low shrub layers inside and outside of two large deer exclosures in Highstead's woodland. The 12-week internship will culminate with a 15-20-minute final presentation to the Highstead staff. The internship will be based in Redding, CT, but will include travel to other parts of New England and possible overnight stays at the Harvard Forest in central Massachusetts

Qualifications:

Recent undergraduate or graduate student in ecology, wildlife biology, or related field. The ideal candidate will (1) be an energetic, self-starter with excellent writing and communication skills; (2) enjoy working with people and being in the role of instructor/presenter both inside and out in the woods; (3) be very detail-oriented in working with large datasets; (4) be willing to travel to potential field sites in southern and central New England; (5) have experience with or knowledge of wildlife surveys, and (6) have experience identifying New England trees and shrubs.

Supervision

The interns will be supervised primarily by Highstead's senior ecologist but will interact and receive guidance from other Highstead staff, as well as researchers at the Harvard Forest and the Massachusetts Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Unit.

Position Dates: Monday, May 14 - Friday, August 3, 2018

Stipend: \$5000.00 and free furnished housing.

Website: <http://www.highstead.net>

To apply, please send a cover letter and resume (with relevant experience and contact information for three references) to jcologgi@highstead.net; **reference Ecology Intern Application as the email subject.** Please submit one PDF document containing all of your application materials. Accepting applications immediately. Review of applicants will begin in mid-February and continue until the position is filled in March.