



Highstead

## Highstead Ecology Internship Program

### ***Location:***

Central Massachusetts/Northern Connecticut

### ***Job Description:***

Highstead, a regional land conservation and ecological research center, is accepting applications for one field ecology assistant in the spring/summer of 2024 to assist with a long-term study on the effects of moose and deer on forest structure and composition in central Massachusetts and northern Connecticut.

Duties will include (a) some on and off-trail hiking to access field sites; (b) setting up forest plots, (c) measuring and identifying trees, shrubs, and herbs (d) entering data into spreadsheets and databases.

The position will include frequent travel to field sites in central Massachusetts and northwestern Connecticut, as well as overnight stays at the Harvard Forest in central Massachusetts, depending on commute time.

### ***Qualifications:***

Undergraduate or recent graduate in ecology, forest science, botany, or related field. The ideal candidate will be (1) energetic and enthusiastic and someone who thrives in the field under a variety of challenging conditions (ticks, heat, mosquitoes, thorns); (2) have experience identifying New England flora (trees, shrubs, and herbs); (3) be very detail-oriented and organized; (4) be willing to travel to field sites in southern and central New England; (5) comfortable with datasets and spreadsheets; (6) comfortable working closely with 1 or 2 other people for long hours.

***Requirements:*** valid driver's license and personal vehicle

### ***Supervision:***

The assistant will be supervised primarily by Highstead's senior ecologist, but will interact and receive guidance from two researchers affiliated with the Massachusetts Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Unit and Department of Conservation and Recreation

**Position Dates:** May 20 – June 21, 2024. (2-3 days per week in field, 1 day a week in office/home doing data entry. Position could extend until June 28).

**Compensation:** \$20.00 per hour, free overnight housing at the Harvard Forest (as needed), and some mileage reimbursement (beyond 30 miles) to field sites.

**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](mailto:jcologgi@highstead.net); **reference Ecology Assistant Application as the email subject.** Accepting applications immediately. Review of applicants will begin in late February and continue until position is filled in March.