



2012 Natural Areas Management Internship

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The Natural Areas Management Internship will focus on learning the tools and techniques utilized by stewards of land conservation. Our program manages over 30 Cornell owned nature preserves both on and off campus totaling over 4,000 acres. These nature preserves are biologically diverse and include representative examples of many of the ecosystems found in our region.

As an intern, you will work closely with Natural Areas staff on a variety of stewardship tasks including

- plant identification
- invasive species control
- use of GIS & GPS
- trail maintenance
- site monitoring
- rare plant monitoring and protection

A major focus of our efforts will be on the assessment of invasive species and different methods of control including

- hand pulling
- cutting
- herbicide application

The Natural Areas Management internship will provide you with invaluable experience in hands-on conservation work.

Each Monday from June to August interns will participate in Learning Mondays, a series of workshops that may include field trips or educational activities about the diverse work of a public garden. Some time is set aside on each Learning Monday for Capturing Your Experience.

To Apply: Please complete the on-line application form and click submit.

General Program Information

Cornell Plantations internship program is open to all currently enrolled or accepted **Cornell University students**. Plantations recognizes that an internship is an opportunity to try out a career field. While we encourage applications from those with plant or natural sciences coursework or relevant work experience, we also welcome applications from students that are enthusiastic about the natural world and can articulate their interest in our program.

Goal

Provide an educational and work experience for Cornell University students involving hands-on activities that build on classroom learning and represent the full spectrum of work throughout our organization.

Vision

We view our interns foremost as learners who offer a valuable fresh perspective. We treat each student as a professional team member and part of the Plantations family. Our staff is committed to the program, offering mentorship, guidance, and appreciation for each intern's contribution.

Our program's schedule is designed to offer all students exposure to the varied aspects of public garden and natural areas management.

For more information or questions on the general details of the internship program, contact Phil Syphrit at 607-227-5795 or plantationsintern@cornell.edu or see our website www.cornellplantations.org