

Wetlands Ecology Internship (Summer 2023)

Location

Kalamazoo, MI

Summary

Your internship with Fishbeck will provide you with knowledge and real-world experience to prepare you for a career in ecological and environmental consulting. Interns will assist in wetland delineation and mitigation wetland monitoring; characterization of vegetative communities; threatened and endangered species evaluations; and report preparation. Interns may assist staff in other environmental related projects, including water resources, environmental management, and site remediation.

Responsibilities

This position will involve a mix of field and office work under the direct supervision of a wetland scientist/ecologist including:

- Field data collection and data analysis
- Use of GPS to map wetland boundaries
- Soil investigation and identification of hydric soil field indicators
- Preparation of reports
- Preparation of NEPA environmental assessments
- Assistance in stream assessments

May occasionally travel statewide for field work.

Minimum Physical Requirements

Work is conducted both indoors and outdoors. Ability to conduct fieldwork, at times for long hours or under strenuous conditions. Moderate lifting, carrying and hiking through uneven terrain including areas where poisonous plants (e.g., poison ivy/sumac) may be present. Will also have normal office working conditions and be required to sit and use a computer. Must be able to drive vehicle to project sites. Visual acuity and physical strength and endurance necessary to perform responsibilities.

Desired Education

Currently enrolled in botany, natural resources management, biology, plant ecology, wetlands ecology, soil science or related science degree program.

Desired Skills/Experience

- Strong field botany skills.
- Familiarity with soil profile characterization.
- Wetland delineation field experience or coursework.
- Aptitude for technical writing.
- Possess a valid driver's license, have reliable transportation, and be willing to travel.
- Ability to communicate effectively, follow direction, and work independently.
- Experience utilizing Microsoft Office including Word, Outlook, and Excel.
- Positive and energetic attitude with excellent interpersonal skills.

About Fishbeck

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