

Agency: Purdue University Department of Forestry and Natural Resources

Location: Corydon, IN and Salem, IN

Job Category: Internship

Salary: \$15.00/hr

Start Date: Flexible

Description: The FNR Extension Intern will work with a sponsoring extension specialist from the Purdue University Department of Forestry and Natural Resources on various outreach projects for a conservation farming cost-share program called Farmers Helping Hellbenders. The program is focused on improving water quality for Eastern Hellbenders through farming practices that reduce erosion and nutrient runoff. The intern will be responsible for creating outreach materials to increase awareness of the program and educate the public on the benefits of conservation farming practices. Outreach materials include social media posts, short videos, a newsletter, and at least one flyer. Additionally, the intern will have the opportunity to attend and assist with events focused on the Farmers Helping Hellbenders program and other natural resource work. The intern may also occasionally accompany biologists and other natural resource professionals to release Hellbenders in the wild.

The program is intended to help interns: 1) Develop leadership and decision-making skills in handling creative challenges; 2) Gain experience developing extension products including videos, social media posts, newsletters and/or more; 3) Build professional references and contacts; and 4) Learn from a diverse and experienced group of natural resources professionals.

Duration: Up to 6 weeks in duration, but must be completed by August 30th; ability to work remotely with some travel required.

Qualifications:

- Ability to work independently.
- Commitment to conservation of natural resources.
- Outreach experience is required.

Requirements:

- Applicants must be a college student in a natural resources or related discipline at a U.S. institution of higher learning OR individuals who have completed a degree after January 1, 2023 in natural resources or related discipline.
- Applicants must have a valid U.S. driver's license and access to a personal vehicle.
- \$1,000 housing stipend is provided.
- The position will be funded for 6 weeks.
- Hours cannot exceed 40 hours per week during the academic school year.

To apply:

Deadline: Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis. Please apply quickly! Please send a resume, at least two references, and a brief email describing your interest in the position to Eliza Hudson.

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