Veterans Conservation Corps Internship Program
Mason Conservation District Restoration Field Crewmember Internship

General Description:

The Mason Conservation District is currently seeking an intern to assist on the habitat restoration field crew. Intern duties may involve: 1) wearing a planting bag and carrying a shovel, and planting trees and shrubs on restoration sites; 2) maneuvering through dense vegetation with a backpack sprayer weighing up to 30lbs, and applying herbicide under a licensed pesticide applicator’s supervision; and 3) using power brushers/trimmers to perform maintenance on planting sites. Interns must be able to work as part of a team and pay close attention to detail.

Please note: This is a labor intensive position. Must be able to work long days on difficult terrain in inclement weather.

The internship will require 40 hours per week, will begin April 2018, and includes a stipend of $2000/month to cover living expenses.

Schedule:

We typically work Monday through Thursday from 7 to 5:30, not to exceed 40 hours per week. Work days and times may change to Monday through Friday 8 to 4:30 to accommodate project needs and/or seasons. Alternative hours and flexible scheduling to meet the intern’s needs will be discussed on a case-by-case basis.

Essential Functions:

*Restoration Field Crewmember- Work as part of a team to perform the following functions:*
- Plant trees and shrubs along streams, rivers, and floodplains within Mason County.
- Use handheld power equipment to perform weed management on restoration planting sites.
- Using a handheld GPS to monitor the location and collect attributes on invasive species.
• Wearing a backpack sprayer, hike along streams, rivers, and floodplains applying herbicide to control invasive vegetation.

All necessary training is provided on the job.

Qualifications:
• This position requires the applicant to be a United States military veteran
• Valid Driver’s license
• Ability to work independently in the field while demonstrating a strong work ethic and safety common sense
• Ability to work as part of a team
• Ability to meet and work with new people
• Ability to communicate effectively
• Excellent attention to detail
• Willingness to learn new skills
• Preferred: first aid training

Physical Requirements:
• Physically able to conduct demanding field work and traverse frequently on rough terrain in a variety of weather conditions
• Ability to lift 20-40 pounds
• Ability to climb over brush, logs, fences, creeks, and other obstacles

Apply

All applicants must pass a background check. To apply to this job, email a resume and cover letter explaining your interest in this position to:

    Kim Pham
    Veterans Conservation Corps Internship Coordinator
    kim@dva.wa.gov

Questions?

To learn more about the Veterans Conservation Corps Internship Program, contact:

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