



Housatonic Valley Association *River Stewards of Tomorrow-Berkshires* 2019 Internship Positions Available

The Housatonic Valley Association (HVA) is seeking applications for our River Stewards of Tomorrow Watershed Conservation Internship positions, available for summer 2019. River Stewards will work on a variety of projects related to water resource management, human dimensions, wildlife conservation, and land protection. River Stewards will be based out of either the office in Stockbridge, MA and work in the Connecticut, Massachusetts, and New York portions of the watershed. Each River Steward position lasts at minimum 12 weeks from June – August. See a Story Map about the position created by one of our 2018 interns [here](#).

Internship Overview: The 2019 River Stewards will be supervised by HVA's Conservation Projects Managers, but may also be asked to work with other staff as needed. Work will include a mix of office and field-based activities (approximately 90% field-based and 10% office-based). Projects that the intern may be involved with include but aren't limited to the following (in order of proportion of time spent):

- *Road-Stream Crossing Assessments in the Berkshires:* River Stewards will visit and assess bridges and culverts (using the North Atlantic Aquatic Connectivity Collaborative protocol) throughout towns in the Massachusetts and New York portion of the watershed to identify barriers to fish and wildlife passage, and assist with post-assessment data management and processing.
- *Stream Reach*
- *Assessments:* The River Stewards will assist HVA staff in the field to conduct visual surveys ("streamwalks") along important stream reaches to document threats and identify restoration opportunities. Rapid screening water quality tests will be conducted at all suspicious outfalls. River Stewards will assist in post-assessment data management and processing.
- *Environmental Monitoring:* The River Stewards will conduct water quality monitoring and habitat assessment activities including collecting water samples for chemical analysis and some macroinvertebrate sampling.
- *Restoration project monitoring and maintenance:* River Stewards will assist with riparian and aquatic restoration projects and conduct maintenance activities like weeding and watering.

Qualifications: Candidates must be detail-oriented, highly-motivated, passionate about watershed conservation, and able to succeed both independently and as part of a team. In addition, the ideal candidate will possess:

- Enthusiasm for outdoor field work, including working under potentially inclement environmental conditions (hot, rainy, etc.);
- Strong interpersonal skills, the ability to approach and conduct outreach to strangers, and the ability to represent HVA in a professional manner;
- Strong organization and data management skills;
- Experience using GPS and GIS is helpful, but not essential.

Requirements: Daily access to a reliable personal vehicle is a requirement of the position (HVA does not have a field vehicle, so all field work, including in New York and Massachusetts, will be done in personal cars with mileage reimbursements.) The intern must also be physically able to participate in potentially strenuous field work (i.e., physically active work outside for several hours at a time during the heat of the summer).

Compensation: The intern will be provided with a \$3,600 stipend for the course of the internship. Work related travel will be compensated at a rate of \$0.48/mile. Housing is not provided. HVA will assist successful applicants in finding summer lodging near the HVA office.

Application Procedure: Interested candidates should submit the following materials via email:

1. **COVER LETTER** explaining your interest and qualifications
2. **RESUME**
3. **TWO (2) PROFESSIONAL REFERENCES**
4. **Optional but encouraged** - Examples of past projects relevant to HVA's mission
(please limit to 1 page, max of three projects)

Incomplete applications will not be considered.

Deadline: Applications will be reviewed and positions filled on a rolling basis.

Questions and applications should be directed to:

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Places to post job announcement:

FREE

Texas A&M Wildlife Job Board- FREE, **DONE (LK submitted on 12/21/2018)**

Land Trust Alliance Job Board- FREE, **DONE (LK submitted on 12/26/2018)**

Conservation Job Board- FREE for a basic listing, **DONE (LK submitted on 12/21/2018, only posted for 15 days I think)**

North American Association for Environmental Education- Free with an account, **DONE (LK submitted on 12/26/2018, using CM's log-in information)**

Soil & Water Conservation Society – FREE for 60-day internship posting, **(LK submitted on 12/21/2018, using CM's log-in information)**

Social Media (Twitter, Facebook, Instagram)- **LK sent PDF to Rob on 12/21/2018**

Newsletter blast- **LK sent PDF to Rob on 12/21/2018**

Email to UConn Natural Resources & the Environment department (Dr. Jason Vokoun)- **LK emailed to Jason on 12/26/2018**

Email to Amy Peterson, to be posted on the CLCC job board- **LK emailed Amy on 12/26**

Email to WestConn (Dr. Theadora Pinou, Dr. Neeta Connelly, Mitch Wagner)

Email to Simon's Rock (Bard College)- **LK emailed Dr. Coote on 12/26**

Email to U. of New Haven (email Jake)

Email out to Tenmile and SRP, board members

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Orion Magazine- \$35 for a 60-day post, **DONE (LK submitted on 12/21/2018)**

GreenJobs Job Board- \$99 for 60 days

The Wildlife Society (TWS) Job Board- \$99 for 30 days

Society for Conservation Biology (SCB) Job Board- \$145 for 60 days

EcoJobs Job Board- \$158 for 2 weeks