

Unpaid Internship Position

Position Number: 3

Position Title: Lakes & Ponds Aquatic Invasive Species Program - DCR

Location: West Boylston, MA – Hybrid Duration: June 3 – August 16, 2024

Brief Description of Internship Position:

DCR's Lakes & Ponds Program works primarily in the DCR State Park system to protect, manage and restore valuable aquatic resources. We also provide technical assistance to communities and citizen groups as well as provide educational materials to the public about lake issues. This internship would entail field work and activities related to aquatic invasive species at state and other public waterbodies.

Description of Duties and Responsibilities:

The intern would be responsible for various field work activities, including but not limited to: visual aquatic plant surveys via boat; visiting waterbodies to ensure signage is present, accurate and up to date; visiting waterbodies to confirm reports of aquatic invasive species; conducting boater interviews and inspections at public boat ramps.

Preferred Knowledge and Skills:

- Common northeast aquatic plant identification
- Ability to work independently
- Possession of a valid MA Driver's License
- Comfort around/on water and boats
- Familiarity with ArcGIS platform and programs

Hours per week: 10-20

Other relevant information:

Aquatic plant identification and ArcGIS skills can be taught by DCR Lakes & Ponds Program staff if not currently possessed by applicant