

## **Unpaid Internship Position**

<b>Position Number: 5</b>
<b>Position Title: Lakes &amp; Ponds Aquatic Invasive Species - DCR</b>
<b>Location: West Boylston - Hybrid</b>
<b>Duration: June 2 – August 15, 2025</b>

### **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. The internship would entail field work related activities across the state as it relates 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 kayak; visiting waterbodies to ensure signage is present, accurate and up to date; visiting waterbodies to confirm reports of aquatic invasive species (from iNaturalist and other sources); conducting boater interviews and inspections at public boat ramps. If possible, 1-2 total weekend days over the course of the summer may be desired.

### **Preferred Knowledge and Skills:**

Common northeast aquatic plant identification (this can be taught by Lakes & Ponds Program staff if not possessed); ability to work independently; willingness and ability to interact with the public; possession of a valid MA Driver's License; comfort around/on water and boats; familiarity with ArcGIS platform and programs (skills can be taught by Lakes & Ponds Program staff if not possessed).

### **Hours per week: 10-20**