



Betsy and Jesse Fink Career Development Intern

The Wild Center (TWC) is seeking two highly motivated Interns for a 12 week position working at The Wild Center and in coordination with Nature Conservancy (TNC) staff in the heart of New York State's Adirondack region. The interns will work with TWC and TNC to develop interpretive public programming and lead outdoor programs at TWC and support off-site programs at the

Follensby Research Preserve. This early stage program development will be an important component supporting future programming taking place on this globally significant property managed by the Nature Conservancy. Interns will receive a broad range of museum experiences, develop natural history and identification knowledge and create and deliver outdoor citizen/community science experiences on both sites. Interns will engage the public at TWC, on the trails and provide interpretive experiences to visitors through informal conversations, thematic activity carts, and more. We are looking for passionate, curious, and motivated people to join our summer team.

Background: In the spring of '24 the Nature Conservancy announced the first-of-its-kind freshwater research preserve to advance shared knowledge of freshwater ecosystems. The Wild Center is a partner providing public access to the property through guided interpretive excursions. More information about The Nature Conservancy's Follensby Research Preserve: [Follensby Pond Transforms Conservation—Again.](#)

Learning Experiences and Responsibilities:

- Build your knowledge in Adirondack natural history, citizen/community science and interpretation to engage audiences while on tours and leading outdoor programs
- Engage with visitors of all ages throughout TWC exhibit hall, Wild Walk, and outdoor campus leading interpretive teaching experiences for all audiences
- Collect and organize science and research data to add to an existing "Naturalist Notebook" for internal use by TNC and TWC institutional knowledge and shared learning; including staff briefing documents
- Coordinate, problem solve and suggest possible solutions for logistical concerns for public tours working with TNC staff
- Organize, structure and support site based tours on Follensby for select, preliminary private and public audiences
- Collaborate with Nature Conservancy staff to identify the most salient concepts and topics for public programs

Qualifications:

- Undergraduate and graduate students who have completed at least one full semester at ESF, are currently enrolled full-time, in good standing (academic and conduct) with the College and returning to campus for at least one semester post summer
- Flexibility and the ability to adapt to change - we work in a dynamic setting with shifting daily duties
- Self-motivated - you seek opportunities to learn and grow and can thrive independently
- Positive attitude and a willingness to work with people in a team based collaborative work environment
- Ability to traverse rolling trails in all seasons, weather and outdoor conditions
- Organization and time management skills - you will work on multiple tasks concurrently
- Policies - adhere to all Wild Center policies including Covid 19 vaccination is expected as a condition of employment

Details:

- Students will receive a \$6,000 stipend for the summer internship experience.
- Work schedule is ~ 35 - 40 hours/week, possible weekends, and occasional early or late shifts, two days off each week
- Available starting late May through mid August 2024, with flexibility upon discussion
- Shared rustic cabin on Raquette River located on The Wild Center campus, utilities included
- Use of canoes, kayaks, and SUP's outside of work hours
- The Wild Center strives to create an environment where our team thrives both personally and professionally. While work moves at a fast pace, we appreciate times we can slow down. Whether it's sharing stories over a staff potluck, being wowed by cool science facts, or taking a break during a meeting to view a cute animal - we make time to grow together as a community.

To Apply: Applications will include: [Application](#), Cover Letter, and Resume/CV. Students are encouraged to work with Career Services to review application materials before final submission. They can be emailed to careers@esf.edu for review or via an appointment with a Peer Career Ambassador/Professional Staff member.

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