



Employment Opportunity

Dr. Marc J. Taylor Intern

TITLE: Dr. Marc J. Taylor Intern

TERM: Planned for June – August (8 weeks); Candidates must be able to work for the entire term

LOCATION: Various work sites within the Pomperaug River Watershed

WORKWEEK / HOURS: Monday through Friday, generally 30-32 hours/week

WAGES: Dependent on available grant funding

REPORTS TO: Executive Director; coordinates with other staff, as needed

OVERVIEW

The **Pomperaug River Watershed Coalition (PRWC)** is accepting applications from undergraduate and graduate students pursuing environmental careers for its **Dr. Marc J. Taylor Internship position**. The Intern will serve as an ambassador of PRWC, whose mission is to ensure the availability of high quality water in the Pomperaug Watershed communities for future generations.

The Dr. Taylor Intern will support PRWC's scientific research, community outreach, and environmental stewardship and advocacy initiatives that may include but are not limited to stream temperature monitoring, leading hands-on education programs for youth, planning and facilitating workshops, and participating in water resource management meetings and leading volunteer conservation projects.

The ideal candidate is a motivated, mature, and skilled individual who enjoys performing a mix of outdoor field work and office assignments and is comfortable interacting with residents of all ages. Candidates should demonstrate a solid work ethic, understanding of the scientific method and organizational skills, as well as a positive attitude and a commitment to the environment. Daily access to a personal vehicle is required (mileage reimbursement for non-commute, personal vehicle travel will be provided).

EXPECTATIONS

Intern expectations include, but are not limited to the following abilities:

- Respectfully represent Pomperaug River Watershed Coalition in the development, coordination, and completion of various conservation projects.
- Maintain good communication and professional relationships with Pomperaug River Watershed Coalition staff, board, program partners, and the general public.
- Adhere to all staff, safety, and program procedures and policies including applicable elements of the PRWC employee handbook.
- Ensure a safe, professional work environment for project team members including volunteers.
- Engage in professional development activities, as needed, to obtain/renew necessary knowledge, skills, and best practices for resource management practices.

ESSENTIAL DUTIES

Intern responsibilities include, but are not limited to the following:

- Complete high priority conservation projects such as water quality sampling, streamwalk surveys, road-stream crossing assessments, river clean-ups, community outreach, riparian habitat improvement, invasive species removal, erosion mitigation, stormdrain marker installation
- Participate in relevant pre-site visits and planning, coordinating with project sponsors, as needed, and managing implementation of project goals according to accepted best practices and standards
- Coordinate with supervisory staff on project logistics and implementation
- Compile project logs and reports detailing achievements and results of stream assessments
- Ensure a safe work environment for project members and the public
- Routinely prepare and maintain tools/equipment before and after projects
- Maintain strong relationships and communication with project partners
- Complete tasks that involve heavy lifting (40+ pounds), repetitive motion, walking/hiking while carrying packs/tools/gear over uneven terrain including streambanks and river channels
- Perform physical labor that includes lifting, bending, kneeling, and working with hand tools for 2- to 3-hour intervals
- Working outdoors in various weather conditions including hot and cold temperature, sun and rain
- Other assignments that support PRWC's scientific research, outreach, and environmental initiatives
- May lead volunteers and high school students in conservation projects

QUALIFICATIONS & ELIGIBILITY

Candidates should possess, at a minimum, the following:

- Strong interest in natural resource conservation, management, and education
- Commitment to protecting and improving the quality of the environment for human and natural communities
- Ability to work responsibly and cooperatively as a member of a team
- Capacity to perform strenuous physical labor such as carrying 40+ pounds, including tools associated with duties (e.g. shovel, saw, etc.), over uneven terrain
- Understanding of the scientific method and best practices for field safety and ability to adhere to field data collection protocols and data quality objectives
- Strong organization, data management, and analysis skills
- Proficiency with Microsoft Office (Excel, Word, PowerPoint) or Google equivalents
- Familiarity with ArcGIS, handheld GPS, and EpiCollect5 technologies will be considered a plus
- Possess a clean, valid, state-issued driver's license
- Knowledge of native plants and landscaping skills preferred
- Candidates holding current CPR and First Aid Certifications preferred.

HOW TO APPLY

Qualified and interested applicants should submit a **cover letter** and **resume**. In addition, please fill out the Dr. Marc Taylor Internship **Application** completely and accurately. Completed applications should be submitted by email to outerach@pomperaug.org or by mail to:

ATTN: Dr. Marc Taylor Internship
 Pomperaug River Watershed Coalition
 39 Sherman Hill Road, C103
 Woodbury, CT 06798

Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis until March 1, 2022 or until position is filled.