

INTERNSHIP DESCRIPTION

TITLE	Anna Beal Conservation Internship
JOB FAMILY	Volunteer - \$5,900 scholarship offered
DURATION	11 Weeks: May 20 – August 2, 2024
DEADLINE	Open till filled



Get your start in conservation as an Anna Beal Conservation Intern!

Interns will receive a \$5,900 educational scholarship, paid by the Anna Beal Trust of Waterloo, to an Iowa school after completing 11 weeks of stewardship work throughout the state on Conservancy preserves and public agency properties.

This internship is an opportunity for Iowa students from any educational background to learn about Iowa's natural landscapes. Interns will develop basic land stewardship skills through hands-on experience in a wide range of ecosystems, providing a good base of essential skills and knowledge to work in conservation. Along the way, interns will have the opportunity to broaden their experiences through interactions with Conservancy staff, conservation partners, and by attending natural resources events.

Don't miss your chance to get a foot in the door!

This work will be a valuable step toward future career paths in land stewardship, fire management, research, biology, and ecology, to name a few. Previous interns have gone on to work in various positions within The Nature Conservancy, as well as with local, state, and federal agencies, academia, other nonprofit organizations, and natural resource contracting.

INTERNSHIP REQUIREMENTS

- **Undergraduate student, attending an Iowa college or university**
- **Valid driver's license**
- **Have need for academic financial aid (please explain in cover letter)**
- An interest in preserving Iowa's ecosystems
- A desire to engage in hands-on working and learning experiences
- An interest in performing physical work outdoors
- A strong work ethic
- Ability to follow directions given by Conservancy staff
- Ability to work independently and in a group
- Ability to communicate effectively in different situations
- Ability to work and live with a wide variety of people in tight quarters and stressful conditions

LEARNING EXPERIENCE

- Work with bison
- Learn prescribed fire skills (opportunity not guaranteed)
- Restore native plants and pollinator habitat
- Protect threatened & endangered species
- Identify & control invasive species
- Build & repair fence
- Build lasting friendships
- Develop teamwork & leadership skills
- Learn to safely use & maintain chainsaws & power tools

WORKING CONDITIONS/PHYSICAL EFFORT

The work entails daily outdoor physical labor for extended periods of time in all weather conditions. The Conservancy will provide food and lodging in rustic conditions (camping or bunk houses) during the work week. Interns should provide their own sleeping bag and tent. Pre- and post-weekend travel to work sites is the responsibility of the intern, and therefore the provision of personal transportation, while not required, is encouraged.

- Ability to travel throughout Iowa and camp in rural areas
- Cook and sleep in rustic conditions
- Work and live with a wide variety of people in tight quarters, requiring respect and consideration for others
- Work long field hours in an isolated setting
- Ability to perform exceptionally hard physical outdoor work for extended and irregular periods in all weather conditions and at times on hazardous terrain
- Ability to maintain a positive attitude despite physical or mental adversity
- Work on tallgrass prairie, deciduous forest, oak savannas, and wetland ecosystems
- Ability to safely use and maintain preserve tools and equipment
- **Work hard and have fun**

HOW TO APPLY

Apply online at nature.org/careers. Internship positions are open till filled.

- **Submit resume *and* cover letter** through The Nature Conservancy's online application system. **In cover letter, please explain need for academic financial aid.**
- If you are having technical problems with the site or application process, contact applyhelp@tnc.org and include internship title. Any questions related to this specific internship may be directed to ccarter@tnc.org.

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