Applications Accepted: Dec. 4 - 18, 2023

To apply during this timeframe, go to https://www.usajobs.gov/job/763270400 or go to usajobs.gov and search for STUDENT TRAINEE (NATURAL RESOURCES) in La Crescent, MN. Follow the instructions there. We are looking to hire up to 2 interns for the 2024 summer season.

Description of Intern Duties:

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers – St Paul District Environmental Section in La Crescent, MN is responsible for forest management and forest restoration actions on approximately 23,000 acres of federal land within the Upper Mississippi River 9-Foot Navigation Channel Project from Minneapolis, MN to Guttenberg, IA.

Interns participate in a wide array of forestry-related activities, but the primary work focuses on assessment of forest resources through tree planting surveys and general forest inventory as well as maintenance of tree plantings using weedwhackers, mowers, and other handheld equipment. Work may also include developing and presenting interpretive programs, aquatic plant surveys, prairie restoration, hazard tree analysis, minor site maintenance, and basic administrative duties. Field work sites are primarily accessed via small work boat and work is done in very challenging field conditions (thick herbaceous vegetation, stinging nettle and poison ivy, vigorous mosquito populations, and heat and humidity).

The Corps of Engineers offers student internship positions designed to supplement a student’s academic studies with meaningful work experience in forestry. The normal work season is from mid-May through August to accommodate academic schedules. It is the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers’ policy to apply principles of good environmental stewardship to the natural and cultural resources occurring on Corps’ administered and/or managed lands and waters.
Details about the Temporary Pathways (Student) Internship

Overview
The Temporary Pathways Internship is designed to provide maximum flexibility to both the intern and the agency. Interns are hired into positions that are directly related to their academic program or career goals and are generally expected to work a full summer field season.

Pay
Interns are typically paid at the GS-4 level.

About the Pathways Internship Program
The purpose of the Pathways Internship Program is to provide the intern with exposure to public service, enhance educational experience, and support educational goals. The program is structured to give interns the opportunity to work in positions related to their academic/career goals. A written agreement is required between the agency and the intern. The participant completes assigned duties, tasks, and developmental activities specified in the agreement.

This position is not eligible for conversion to a career/career-conditional or term appointment.

Program Requirements
For these temporary GS-04 appointments, interns must meet the following criteria:

1. Completed two full academic years of post-high school study or have an associate’s degree
2. Taking at least a half-time course load in an accredited school;
3. In good academic standing;

How to Find and Apply for Pathways Internship positions
St. Paul District forestry and natural resource internships offered through the La Crescent field office for 2024 will be open for applications December 4-18 2023. The positions will be advertised through USAJOBS at: http://www.usajobs.gov/. Search for Student Trainee (Natural Reources) and La Crescent, MN.

Questions regarding the St. Paul District forestry and natural resources program may be directed to Andy Meier at 651-290-5899 or andrew.r.meier@usace.army.mil.

For more information about student employment with the Federal Government, visit the Student Jobs website at www.usajobs.gov.