

Richard G. Rockefeller Conservation Internship Program

*Are you interested in spending a summer learning about land conservation and gaining practical skills in caring for Maine's natural environment?
This entry level residential summer internship is for you!
Up to eleven positions available.*

About the Program:

This program matches student interns with different land trusts and conservation organizations across the state of Maine (one intern with each land trust). This is an entry level position, with no experience required.

Wage: \$14.00 per hour— free housing provided

Requirements:

- Student in Maine (if not a student in Maine, a connection to Maine is desired)
- Undergraduate, Certificate program, or trade school student applications accepted
- Reliable transportation
- Available June 5 to August 11
- Must be self-motivated, willing and able to work independently or as part of a team, willing to learn new skills

To Apply: Scan the code for more information and to access the application. You must also send your cover letter and resume to interns@mcht.org

Application Deadline: February 23, 2023



Scan for more information!

Maine Coast Heritage Trust (MCHT) funds this program and helps match students with host conservation organizations for the summer. MCHT is a non-profit organization that conserves and stewards Maine's coastal lands and islands for their renowned scenic beauty, ecological values, outdoor recreation opportunities and contribution to community well-being. MCHT provides statewide conservation leadership through its work with land trusts, coastal communities and other partners.

SOMERSET WOODS TRUSTEES & PIERCE POND WATERSHED TRUST

RICHARD G. ROCKEFELLER CONSERVATION INTERNSHIP

June 5 – August 11, 2023

\$14/hour, housing and training provided

SWT & PPWT are a host site for a shared Rockefeller Conservation Intern sponsored by Maine Coast Heritage Trust. For application details and additional program information, visit <https://www.mcht.org/get-involved-now/internship-program/>.

Somerset Woods Trustees (SWT) and Pierce Pond Watershed Trust (PPWT) seek a summer intern to support our conservation and stewardship activity in Somerset County. This shared internship offers the opportunity to experience and support land trust activity in both a remote landscape and within a more urban area.

PPWT is a land trust dedicated to the conservation of the Pierce Pond Watershed, a remote 12,000-acre watershed. For generations, people from near and far have been drawn to Pierce Pond to fish its waters, savor its pristine beauty and experience its wildness. Pierce Pond is in a remote location with the nearest towns about a one-hour drive away. Travel within the watershed is by boat and foot. Accommodations while working with PPWT will likely be a rustic cabin for up to a total of 4 weeks over the course of the summer.

SWT, based in Skowhegan since 1927, has forever conserved a mix of wild and working lands for wildlife and fisheries habitat, low-impact recreation, sustainable forestry, and agriculture. We partner with our communities to provide recreational access for all - including a community baseball field, a public boat launch and picnic area on the Kennebec, a community forest, an ADA-compliant river walk and miles of professionally designed mountain biking trails. Our lands are host to outdoor learning and literacy programs, heirloom grain production, high school cross country races and more. While working with SWT, the intern will be based primarily in the towns of Madison and Skowhegan, with occasional work in more remote locations within Somerset County.

The intern will have the opportunity to contribute to the full diversity of land trust operations, both independently and as part of a team of staff and volunteers. SWT and PPWT will work with the intern to develop a work plan tailored to the intern's specific interests and academic needs. Potential projects include but are not limited to:

- Help maintain and improve hiking trails.
- Assist with a grassland restoration project in support of native pollinators.

- Assist with development and implementation of property management plans and baseline documentation.
- Assist with management of invasive forest pests and plants.
- Conduct grassland nesting bird monitoring.
- Assist with efforts to increase accessibility of SWT trails for a broader spectrum of users.
- Collect and map property and natural resource data.
- Assist with development and implementation of public education programs.
- Contribute content (photography and/or text) for use in outreach and education.
- Develop a Story Map or other interactive content for outreach.
- Assist with various administrative tasks associated with SWT's preparation for Accreditation