

**Title:** Ecology/Land Management Internship

**Agency:** Highstead

**Location:** Redding, CT

**Job Description:**

Highstead, a regional land conservation and ecological research center, is accepting applications for two field ecology and land management interns to participate in several experimental management projects in southwestern CT in the summer of 2012. The projects include (1) resampling tree regeneration and deer sign in hunted vs. unhunted properties after five years of deer management; (2) collecting baseline vegetation data for a *Phragmites* removal/monitoring project, and (3) collecting initial data for a study on the effects of varying windstorm/ice storm damage on tree regeneration in a landscape of high deer densities. Interns will gain extensive experience with different forest and wetland vegetation sampling techniques, woody and herbaceous plant identification, and field research designs. Position will be predominantly field-based but will also include data entry, limited data analysis, and a 15 minute presentation to Highstead staff.

**To apply,** please send a cover letter and resume (with relevant experience and contact information for three references) to Edward Faison (efaison@highstead.net). Accepting applications immediately. Review of applicants will begin in mid-February and continue until position is filled.

**Qualifications:**

Undergraduate or recent graduate in ecology, wildlife/land management, or related field. Applicants should have previous experience with field work. Successful applicant must be (1) highly motivated to conduct field research for multiple weeks in hot, humid or rainy weather; in a landscape with abundant deer ticks; in wetlands; and in forest understories with downed limbs and trees and thick, often spiny shrub layers. Applicant must also be (2) very detail-oriented to collect careful and accurate data in difficult field conditions and (3) flexible and adaptive to work on a range of projects with varying methodologies and to report to two supervisors.

**Position Dates:** June 11 - August 30, 2012 (dates flexible)

**Stipend:** \$5,000.00 and free furnished housing

**Website:** <http://www.highstead.net>