

## **POSITION DESCRIPTION**

The Missisquoi River Basin Association (MRBA) is seeking two student interns to work with landowners in our watershed to improve water quality. We are looking for interns who are passionate about protecting our outdoor spaces, love the outdoors, and are interested in paddling canoes! Interns receive training with a MRBA Staff mentor and work as a team alongside another intern. This work is in collaboration with The Lake Education and Action Program (LEAP) through Lake Champlain Sea Grant. Interns will:

- share information about water quality improvement practices with the public
- conduct outreach within our watershed and provide access to MRBA programs (i.e. talk with property owners about water concerns on their land and possible solutions)
- work directly with property owners to implement shoreline and riparian restoration projects at 3 or 4 sites.
- visit projects sites with MRBA staff to assist with surveys and design
- implement projects such as tree planting, invasive control in riparian areas, and river clean-ups
- follow-up site visits to assess success
- Assist in data collection, such as taking water samples

**What:** The MRBA will employ two interns during the summer of 2023 to encourage and facilitate stewardship projects by landowners that restore stream or shoreline habitat and that decrease runoff to streams and lakes. This work is in collaboration with The Lake Education and Action Program (LEAP) through Lake Champlain Sea Grant.

**Benefits:** Stipend of \$1050  
Public engagement and communication skills  
Field project design and implementation experience  
Learn or build upon canoe paddling skills  
Spend time outdoors

**Where:** Project locations will be within the Missisquoi watershed, focusing on three or four sites in Orleans and/or Franklin counties, to be determined.

**Who:** Any student, age 16 or older, interested in water quality who resides in or attends school within the Missisquoi watershed area. A reliable means of transportation is required.

**When:** July 5 - July 28, 2023  
4 days per week, usually 4 hours per day (schedule will be set prior to start date)  
Interns will contribute 70-80 hours of effort over 4 weeks

**How to Apply:** Submit letter of interest highlighting any previous experience or relevant coursework and a letter of recommendation by May 5th to [lindsey@mrbavt.com](mailto:lindsey@mrbavt.com). Successful applicants will be notified by May 12th.