

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 with supervision from our Lead 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 2024 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 8 - August 2, 2024
4 days per week, usually 4 hours per day (schedule will be set prior to start date)
Interns will contribute 65-80 hours of effort over 4 weeks

How to Apply: Accepting letter of interest highlighting any previous experience or relevant coursework and a letter of recommendation sent to lindsey@mrbavt.com until **May 24th, 2024**.