

INTERNSHIP ANNOUNCEMENT

Land Stewardship Intern
Tar River Land Conservancy
Louisburg, Franklin County, North Carolina

Tar River Land Conservancy (TRLIC) seeks applications for a 12-week internship during the summer of 2016. This internship will provide extensive exposure to and hands on experience with a regionally-based land trust. TRLIC preserves the natural and cultural resources of the Upper Tar River Basin and surrounding areas by working in partnership with private landowners, public agencies and others to protect rural land, riparian corridors and ensure clean water. Harboring sixteen rare and endangered species, the Upper Tar is one of the most ecologically important watersheds of the eastern seaboard. Since the TRLIC was founded in 2000, we have protected over 17,900 acres of land through outright property acquisitions and through permanent conservation easements.

PRIMARY DUTIES OF INTERNSHIP:

1. Conduct onsite inspections of properties, including those with conservation easements and TRLIC fee-owned properties.
2. Assist staff with all preparatory and follow up tasks related to easement and property inspections, including maintenance of files and photographic records, updating protected lands database, updating stewardship database and preparing property inspection reports.
3. Assist in the management and organization of TRLIC land protection and stewardship files in accordance with its Records Policy.
4. Conduct basic GIS analysis and prepare maps, spreadsheets, and draft reports.
5. Collect field data on properties targeted for protection to evaluate natural, recreational and cultural resources on tracts.
6. Perform other tasks related to land stewardship and land management as required.
7. Assist with other appropriate projects as assigned.
8. Travel extensively throughout the 8-county watershed (Person, Granville, Franklin, Vance, Warren, Halifax, Nash and Edgecombe Counties) to perform these duties.

EXPERIENCE AND SKILLS REQUIRED:

1. Commitment to the mission of the TRLIC to conserve private working landscapes and significant natural and cultural resources using conservation easements and other tools.
2. Completion of or progress towards a degree in natural resources management, forestry, agriculture, wildlife management or related discipline.
3. Excellent writing, organizational and record keeping skills.
4. Proficiency using ESRI ArcGIS and MS Word, Outlook, and Excel.
5. Ability to work outdoors in the summer heat and humidity and in rugged conditions using compass, maps, GPS equipment and carrying field equipment.
6. Ability to function productively as both a member of a work team and independently.
7. Ability to work effectively to meet deadlines.
8. Possess a valid driver's license with a safe driving record.

The Stewardship Intern will be compensated at a rate of \$11.00/hour. Start and end dates of internship are negotiable. The applicant should identify his/her proposed start and end dates in a cover letter. The intern is responsible for finding local housing during the internship.

Send a cover letter, resume, transcripts, and list of three references either by mail or email no later than **Friday, January 29, 2016**, to:

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