About Marian University, Nina Mason Pulliam EcoLab

Nina Mason Pulliam EcoLab student workers are integral personnel in the maintenance and community outreach of the 55-acre property. Primary duties will be a variety of ecological restoration techniques which include: eradication of non-native/invasive plants, installation of native plants, trail maintenance, and general maintenance of the property. Other duties may include assisting with service projects and outreach for visiting groups/summer camp/field trips, GIS and mapping, and assisting with current or future research projects.

Job Description

The student will be expected to conduct a specific research project during the 10-week period, and will be given time to research, prepare, and fulfill the project during work hours. The project will be determined by the student and the student’s supervisor within the first week of the internship. The student can expect to have a thorough understanding of local flora and fauna and will have developed techniques to convey information about what they have learned.

Students will be expected to work in all weather conditions, have a strong work ethic, and should be able to work efficiently and independently. It is preferred that the candidate has experience in using GIS, working with children, and working outdoors, but it is not required. Physically, the ideal candidate should be fit enough to do repetitive bending and pulling and occasionally carrying heavy materials, 50 lbs. or less, short distances. He or she should also be willing to participate and assist in leading service projects for K-12 visitors.

The intern will report to Stephanie Schuck. Compensation will be in the form of a stipend through the Indiana Sustainability Development Program. The intern will work full time for 10 weeks beginning in June and ending in August. Exact beginning and end dates are negotiable. Interns will be required to attend a bootcamp from May 14-18.

Feedback and evaluation

The intern will be given regular feedback from EcoLab staff and volunteers on progress and performance. Success in the internship will be determined by the completion of specified projects in a professional and timely manner. The intern should learn how a higher education organization identifies and works to achieve its goals, how to evaluate the effectiveness of EcoLab projects, and how to develop and maintain professional relationships.