

SUMMER POSITION

**The Research Foundation for the State University of New York
For the College of Environmental Science and Forestry**
1 Forestry Drive, Syracuse, New York 13210-2778

Descriptive Title: Seasonal Field Technician (4 positions)

RF Title: Research Support Specialist/Senior Research Support Specialist

Department: New York Natural Heritage Program, Albany, NY

Salary: Full time position - 40 hours per week; some weekend work may be required to access certain areas of the installation; minimum \$17/hour

PROGRAM BACKGROUND

The New York Natural Heritage Program (NYNHP) is a program of the Research Foundation for the State University of New York College of Environmental Science and Forestry (SUNY-ESF) whose mission is to facilitate the conservation of New York's biodiversity by providing comprehensive information and scientific expertise on rare species and natural ecosystems.

NYNHP works in partnership with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation and other state, federal and private organizations involved in natural resource management, land protection and stewardship, and advancing the conservation of biodiversity.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DUTIES

We are looking to hire two field crews (4 positions) which could be filled by college students or professionals with relevant experience. One member will be identified as project leader and will assist with overseeing the day-to-day activities of both crews. Start date of the project is **June 1, 2021**. Student positions will end at the beginning of the academic year; non-student positions may be extended into October. Housing will be available on Fort Drum, if needed.

- Conduct field work to document the presence and abundance of invasive plant species on Fort Drum Military Installation.
- All data will be collected using Trimble Geo7 data recorder.

REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS

- Course work or field experience in one or more of the following areas: community ecology, wetland systems, zoology, botany, wildlife management.
- Knowledge of regional flora, especially 17 invasive plant species known to occur in northern New York.
- Must be a U.S. citizen and have a valid driver's license.

PREFERRED QUALIFICATIONS

- Experience identifying plants, particularly invasive species, is desired.
- Experience with Trimble data recorders and software is desired.
- Familiarity with field sampling methods and collecting biological/environmental data.
- Familiarity with aerial photography and field navigation using aerial and topographic maps.
- Familiarity with taxonomic keys and field guides.
- Familiarity with using databases and computer applications, including GIS.

WORKING CONDITIONS/PHYSICAL EFFORT

- Will work outdoors in variable weather conditions, at times in remote locations, on difficult and hazardous terrain, and under physically demanding circumstances, in isolated settings.

Additional information on the New York Natural Heritage Program is available at www.nynhp.org

Deadline: Review of applications will take place **until positions are filled.**

Direct cover letter and resume including contact information for three references to:

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