

SUMMER POSITION

Title: Seasonal Field Technician

Department: New York Natural Heritage Program

Work Location: Albany, NY

Salary: \$19-23 per hour depending on experience

Employment Dates: May 13 – August 16, 2024

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

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DUTIES

- Assists staff ecologists in conducting fieldwork on natural communities (with a focus on wetlands and floodplains) across New York State.
- Processes data collected into databases and may compile and prepare data for analysis.
- Enter, update, and map database records of rare species.

REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS

Course work or field experience in one or more of the following areas: plant ecology, wetland systems, botany, or related field.

PREFERRED QUALIFICATIONS

- Familiarity with vegetation field sampling methods and collecting biological/environmental data.
- Familiarity with aerial photography and field navigation using aerial and topographic maps.
- Knowledge of regional flora and fauna, natural communities, ecosystems, or ecosystem processes.
- Familiarity with taxonomic keys and field guides.
- Familiarity with using databases and computer applications, including ArcGIS.

WORKING CONDITIONS/PHYSICAL EFFORT

- Will travel throughout New York State as part of a two-person team conducting field work and may work in variable weather conditions, at remote locations, on difficult and hazardous terrain, and under physically demanding circumstances, in isolated settings.

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

Greg Edinger, Chief Ecologist

Email: gjedinge@esf.edu or greg.edinger@dec.ny.gov

Please Include an email subject of **“Seasonal Technician Application 2024”**

Apply by **April 30th** for optimal consideration! However, review of applications will take place until positions are filled.

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