

The Nature Conservancy

Oak Openings Region Student Internships



ABOUT US:

The Nature Conservancy is the leading conservation organization working to make a positive impact around the world in more than 30 countries, all 50 United States, and your backyard. Founded in 1951, the mission of The Nature Conservancy is to conserve the lands and waters on which all life depends. One of our core values is our commitment to diversity therefore we are committed to a globally diverse and culturally competent workforce. Visit www.nature.org/aboutus to learn more.

The Oak Openings Project Office of The Nature Conservancy serves as a major partner of the Green Ribbon Initiative (GRI). The GRI is a collaboration of conservation partners in northwest Ohio and southeast Michigan working to improve the quality and quantity of Lakeplain Oak Openings habitat through protection, restoration and education. To learn more about the GRI, please visit www.oakopenings.org.



Apply by emailing a resume, desired dates, and a statement of interest.

For more information or to apply contact:

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AVAILABLE INTERNSHIPS

Education and Outreach

Summary: Assist with outreach and educational strategies that engage local communities in conservation and communicates the objectives of the Green Ribbon Initiative and The Nature Conservancy. Many of the tasks will be geared toward improving public understanding of the benefits of nature in their community, empowering citizens to take action locally and connecting people to their globally rare surroundings.

Dates: March through June 2021

Availability: Up to two students each term. Flexible scheduling

Tasks:

- Participate in the GRI Education and Outreach Subcommittee.
- Contribute to event planning and training workshops
- Assist in producing content for external communications (GRI e-newsletter, social media webpages, outreach letters, etc)
- May create videos and other multimedia communications to supplement news stories
- Assist in general office duties and logistical support for the Oak Openings Project Team

Ecological Restoration and Monitoring

Summary: At Kitty Todd Nature Preserve in Swanton, Ohio, and Green Ribbon Partner lands, interns have an opportunity to assist the preserve manager in controlling invasive species, leading and helping with volunteer work days, and restoring natural systems unique to the Oak Openings Region. This is a great way to apply knowledge gained from the classroom to real world situations on conserved land.

Dates: Anytime June-October 2021

Availability: Up to four students each term. At least one day per week.

Tasks:

- Use brush cutters and herbicide to control invasive species on preserves and private lands
- Collect, process, or plant native seeds
- Use the Oak Openings Rapid Assessment Method (OORAM) to survey partner lands across the region.
- Identify and record invasive species locations using GIS software
- Interact with the public and volunteer groups to promote hands on learning
- Assist with facilities maintenance and general upkeep at the preserve for public and private use