Loyola’s Institute of Environmental Sustainability is offering full-time Ecological Restoration internship positions this summer at the Loyola Retreat and Ecology Campus (LUREC) in Woodstock, IL. Interns will be working under the supervision of Dr. Roberta Lammers-Campbell and on the restoration of LUREC’s oak-hickory woodland, prairie, and, especially the calcareous fen.

The restoration ecology interns will do everything from removing and herbiciding invasive shrubs and herbs to burning brush piles, collecting native seed around the property, and planting seedlings. Interns will be expected to obtain Illinois State herbicide certification as part of their training. They will learn to use a variety of tools, including chainsaws and other heavy equipment, and be responsible for the maintenance of those tools. These tasks are vital to restoring the native prairie, wetland, and woodland habitats of LUREC. As the interns gain experience they will help plan their work. As stewards of the environment, we work in all kinds of weather. Interns should be able to work well in a team in addition to being capable of working on their own, showing initiative in the field, and following instructions carefully. Interns will be expected to keep a journal of their activities.

This internship is an excellent opportunity to get hands-on experience in restoration ecology, and will allow the intern to build a skill set unique to the many tasks required of those who want to work with the natural world.

Qualifications:

- A current registered Loyola biology (with ecology emphasis), or an environmental science student, with junior standing, who has completed a year of environmental science and the Principles of Ecology class.
- Demonstration of a commitment to restoration and wildlife conservation.
- Ability to participate in strenuous work, involving working and hiking in rain, heat, and in clouds of mosquitoes. Be able to lift up to 50 pounds. Work is physically strenuous and will be outdoors.
- Capacity to work collaboratively and independently with little supervision.
- Possession strong interpersonal, organizational, and communication skills.
- Knowledge of Chicago-area flora is highly desirable.
Student interns will receive $1,000 per month and room and board at LUREC for three months (mid-May through early August). Applicants must be registered Loyola students. Interns will also be required to register for one of the field courses taught at LUREC during the summer session (three weeks in May). In addition, Restoration interns may register for independent study with Dr. Lammers if they wish to do so. To apply, please email the following materials to Dr. Lammers, rlammer@luc.edu, in PDF format by March 3rd:

• An essay in the following format
  • A header containing:
    ○ Name
    ○ Class at Loyola (or year you plan to graduate)
    ○ Major/Minor
    ○ GPA
  • In two paragraphs or less, please address the following:
    ○ How you would contribute to, and why you are interested in this internship
    ○ How does the internship fit into your future plans.
    ○ How do you meet the qualifications for the position?
    ○ Do you have any potential obligations or plans that would keep you from fulfilling this commitment in its entirety?
    ○ Do you have any past experiences or have you taken any courses that are relevant to this internship?

• Resume
• 2 Letters of Recommendation