



# 2020 Botany Internship

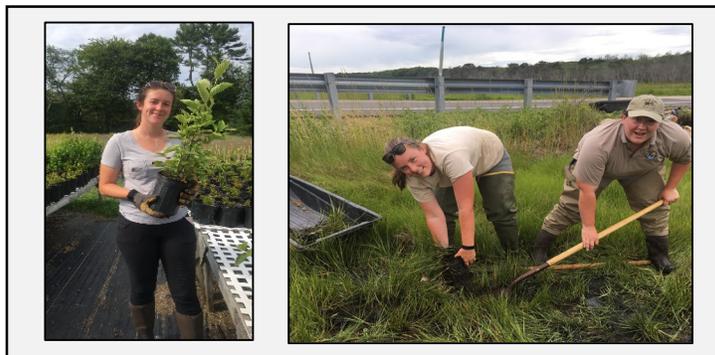
Application Deadline: January 10, 2020

Rachel Carson National Wildlife Refuge provides an opportunity to build monitoring and management skills by working with a team of skilled field biologists.

The work of the botany intern will focus on Refuge greenhouse operations and invasive plant removal to restore native shrublands (65%). Other duties as assigned include outreach and education (10%), wildlife and vegetation surveys (15%), data entry (5%), and general refuge maintenance/operations (5%). This 16 week position has a negotiable, preferred start date of 4 May 2020.

This position requires a strong interest native plant propagation and invasive species. Applicants should be able to identify native and invasive plants, perform manual removal of invasive plants, and survey/maps areas for new invasive plant occurrence. Prior experience using GPS/GIS/ArcCollector is not required, but is advantageous. Applicants will be required to work weekends and holidays as well as flexible hours (i.e. sunrise/sunset).

[Click here](#) for more information about Rachel Carson National Wildlife Refuge



## Desired Qualifications

- Strong interest in native plant propagation and invasive plant management
- Comfortable working in the field in varied climatic conditions (walking in loose sand, muddy, buggy, and hot/humid conditions)
- Ability to carry moderate loads (30-50lbs) over long distances and use hand tools to dig/pull plants
- Work independently and in small groups with minimal supervision
- Maintain regular communication with senior staff members.
- Must have a valid Driver's License

## Benefits

- Living stipend of \$250 per week
- Communal, co-ed government housing in Wells, Maine.

## HOW TO APPLY

*Submit a single PDF document of the following required documents to [Bri\\_Benvenuti@fws.gov](mailto:Bri_Benvenuti@fws.gov). Cover letter, resume, and references should be named `RCNWRBotany_LastnameFirstname.pdf`*

- Cover letter (not to exceed 2 pages) explaining your qualifications and interest in the position. Cover letter must address your abilities/prior experience:
  - Propagating/caring for native plants in a greenhouse setting
  - Performing manual removal of invasive plant species
  - Working independently and as a member of a team
  - Conducting public outreach/education
  - Keeping detailed, organized field notes and datasheets.
- Resume documenting your work experience, education, skills, interests, etc.
- Copy of your college transcripts (unofficial or official)
- Name and contact information (phone and e-mail) for three references.