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Position Announcement

The Mohonk Preserve, New York State's largest member & visitor supported nature preserve, is seeking a qualified person to fill the position of:

BIOLOGICAL FIELD TECHNICIAN- GRASSLAND VEGETATION

The Mohonk Preserve helps to protect the Shawangunk Mountains region and inspire people to care for, enjoy, and explore their natural world. The Preserve manages 8,500 acres of the northern Shawangunk Mountains in Ulster County, NY through four integrated programs – Conservation Science, Education, Land Stewardship, and Land Protection, and is a regional model for large-scale conservation planning.

The Biological Field Technician for Grassland Vegetation will perform surveys and record data of grassland vegetation diversity on Mohonk Preserve. This position will support departmental initiatives, outreach opportunities, and carrying out the Preserve's mission. The position is supervised by the Research Ecologist and also requires working closely with other Conservation Science and Mohonk Preserve staff. This hourly, grant-funded position runs for approximately 16 weeks, April 30th - August 2018.

Duties Include:

- Follow existing protocols to conduct grassland inventory surveys using linear transects and quadrats
- Assess herbaceous vegetation diversity, and identify invasive, woody, and vulnerable species
- Record, manage, and enter scientific data
- Prepare project assessment report summarizing seasonal findings
- Perform other related duties to support department and preserve as assigned by the Conservation Science Department

Qualifications:

- Bachelor's degree in biology, ecology, or forestry preferred
- Experience conducting field research essential; experience conducting grassland vegetation surveys preferred
- Ability to identify local vegetation especially herbaceous vegetation including grasses, wildflowers, sedges, and rushes highly preferred/beneficial
- Strong organizational skills and attention to detail essential
- Familiarity with using forestry equipment including but not limited to tape measures, quadrats, densitometer, compass, clinometer, and DBH tape
- Computer proficiency; familiarity with data entry and management, e.g. MS Excel; proficiency using GPS technology
- Ability to work cooperatively with Preserve staff, volunteers, and Research Associates

Salary: \$14 per hour; approx. 30 hrs. per week.

Applications accepted via e-mail only. Please submit as a single PDF: cover letter, CV, and the names and contact information for 3 references by 5PM EST March 30th, 2018 to: research@mohonkpreserve.org Include in subject line "Grassland Vegetation".

This job announcement is not intended to represent a complete, comprehensive list of all duties and responsibilities that may be required in this position. There may be unplanned activities and other duties assigned.

No phone calls please.

*For more information about the Preserve, visit our website: www.mohonkpreserve.org
Mohonk Preserve is an Equal Opportunity Employer and encourages a diverse pool of candidates.*