

2026 NRES Summer Research and Management Internship



Current undergraduates in NRES are eligible to apply for this summer internship to gain experience in both research and management of natural resources. Tasks conducted in this position may include forest health research and monitoring, invasive species research and management, monitoring and managing for wildlife, forest restoration, and assisting with general management tasks. Opportunities will be available for developing a range of skills, including training in safe use of herbicides, chainsaw use, and other equipment such as tractors, UTVs, and sprayers among others. Interns will work with research specialists and field staff to design and implement a research project.

You may work as a student employee during the summer semester if you are registered for at least 3 credit hours during summer, were registered for at least 6 credit hours the previous spring semester, or are registered for at least 6 credit hours for the upcoming fall semester. In addition, if you are enrolled for three hours or more during the Summer term, regardless of what part of term, you are considered a half-time "student" for the entire term and restricted to work a maximum of 28 hours per week.

This is two full-time temporary positions, with somewhat flexible start and end dates, approximately May 25-August 7, 2026, 40 hours per week at \$17/hour. Successful candidate will be provided field housing on-site. Candidates should send a cover letter and resume to Chris Evans, Extension Forestry and Research Specialist (cwevans@illinois.edu) by December 19, 2025.

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