

Center for Ecology

Summer Internships 2010

The Center for Ecology is offering 3-7 (depending on funds) structured, 9 week internships designed to provide experience in natural areas management relevant for entry into the professional job market. Interns will be involved in a wide variety of activities including management and restoration, invasive species control, and rare species monitoring. Interns will work with personnel at the **Prairie Ridge State Natural Area in Jasper County**, the **Cache River State Natural Area, Ullin**, **Ferne Clyffe State Park, Goreville**, and with the **River to River Cooperative Weed Management Area, Marion**. Assignments to each location will be based on candidate preferences, interests, and experience.

These positions are administered by SIUC and the intern will be teamed with IDNR professionals to learn about possible career choices and directions for future study. A Center for Ecology faculty member will mentor each intern and be the instructor of record for 1 credit hour of research in the Summer 2010 Semester. The intern will be expected to meet with the faculty mentor on a regular basis and submit a written report detailing their experience before the end of the summer semester. The written report will form the basis for assigning the appropriate grade for the credit hour.

Interns will be paid \$375 per week for 9 weeks. Each intern will be provided with a vehicle or travel funds depending on location and up to \$917 to defray fees and tuition for 1 in-state credit hour. The intern will also receive a one year membership to the Natural Areas Association and be sponsored to attend a regional conference (venue TBA) in the fall where they will make a presentation based on their internship experience.

How to apply: Interested students should first identify a faculty mentor, and then submit 1) cover letter explaining their qualifications, the faculty mentor, and how they expect to benefit from the experience, 2) a current CV including relevant experience, courses, and grades, and 3) a letter of support from the faculty mentor. Consideration of applications will begin March 16 and will continue until suitable candidates are identified. Submit applications to Dr. John Groninger (Forestry: groninge@siu.edu), Dr. David Gibson (Plant Biology: dgibson@plant.siu.edu), Dr. Sara Baer (Plant Biology: sgbaer@siu.edu), or Dr. Matt Whiles (Zoology: mwhiles@zoology.siu.edu).