



Forest Research Technician Intern position - 2023

UMaine School of Forest Resources and Wabanaki Youth in Science are seeking a spring and summer Forest Research Technician for a research project focused on testing management strategies for brown ash wetland forests in response to the invasive forest pest, the emerald ash borer (EAB). This research project, lead by PhD Graduate Student Tyler Everett (Mi'kmaq) is titled: "Building Stewardship Capacity: Protecting the Brown Ash of the Northern Forest." The lab group behind this research project is the Ash Protection Collaboration Across the Wabanakik (APCAW). In this project, the lab group, led by professor John Daigle of the University of Maine, will work collaboratively with Wabanaki Tribal Nations, to test a Tribal supported integrated pest management strategy for EAB.

Tyler's team will be working in groups of two to collect inventory data at 5 to 6 study sites across Maine; one site is on Mi'kmaq Tribal lands. At each site inventory and EAB monitoring efforts will need to occur before and following silvicultural treatments at each site. The inventory data collection process is extensive. However, he envisions learning from one another during the inventory and getting more and more efficient with the process over time. The project has study sites in central Maine (Readfield, Rome, and Farmington) as well as sites in Northern Maine (Garfield, Stockholm, and Frenchville).

Intern Job Responsibilities and Expectations

- Collecting and recording field data at all study sites
- Assisting in EAB monitoring efforts at all study sites
- Assisting in post treatment cleanup of study sites
- No prior forest inventory experience is required
- Travel across the state (travel reimbursement included)

Work Hours and Pay

- \$16/hour
- 5 non-contiguous weeks during Mid-April through the end of August, averaging 40 hours a week

During the field season Mid-April through the end of August, the team will select 5 weeks for data collection averaging 40 hours a week. In the central Maine area you will have 2 1/2 weeks (two 40 hour weeks and one 20 hour week). This will be repeated in the Northern Maine study sites (two 40 hour weeks and one 20 hour week). *This position will be offered again the following year.*

Intern Qualifications / Skills

- Attention to detail in data collection and recording
- A willingness to learn
- Professionalism
- Reliability

How to Apply

If you're interested in applying for this position, please send your resume to Tyler Everett at tyler.everett@maine.edu. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled. Preference will be given to existing WaYS interns