

Open Position Announcement Student Intern, Summer Seasonal

Location: Mower Soil and Water Conservation District
Classification: Student Internship, 40 hr work week (Compress Schedule available)
Pay: \$12.56 – \$17.43 per hour

Position Purpose:

This position exists to support the various work of the Mower Soil and Water Conservation District. The Mower SWCD works with farmers and partners to implement conservation and habitat measures on the ground. In addition, the district participates and leads various monitoring programs for assessing the water resource conditions of local land and streams. This position will provide direct support to SWCD staff working in these areas.

Work Experience

Applicants do not need prior experience or knowledge in the work duties listed below. District staff will train and assign duties based on experience and abilities of the intern staff.

Position Skills, Ability and Attributes

- General interest in agriculture, resource conservation,
- Ability to work independently.
- Ability to lift 75 pounds
- Willingness to perform physical work in a variety of outdoor weather conditions.
- Genuine Interest in teamwork, helping, learning, and taking initiative as a self starter
- Valid driver’s license is required.

Primary Work Duties

Provide Direct Assistance on any and all programs related to our work and the coordination of our partner
Soil Health Data Collection: Field work, to pull samples for the Soil Health Initiative
Water Monitoring: Assist water monitoring specialist with pulling water samples from the various programs
Outreach and Education: Assist with promotion of Conservation practices and programs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Assist with planning and coordination of field events - Coordinate with Jay C. Hormel Nature Center on cooperative education events - Develop flyers, postcard and other education materials for communication - Assist with social media content
Field Work Assistant: Support the implementation of Conservation practices. Activities to include; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Independently operate four wheeler, trucks, trailers, survey equipment - Survey assistance of technical staff, flagging, GPS recording of boundaries and boundary markers - Assist with construction inspection
Training and Personal Development <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Development training and objective plan for development - Participate in organizational meetings that provide exposure to internship employee interests and development goals
Office and Administrative Assistance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Set Up of events related to the district - Provide support for meeting plans, data entry for water monitoring - Complete data entry into database for recording monitoring work

Working Conditions:

The Mower SWCD is an active work environment with staff that enjoy being busy and working in a team environment. This position will support current work of the district, but also incorporate experiences that apply to the interests of the intern and desired skills for personal and professional development. Work is performed in the SWCD office, outdoors and various sites throughout Mower County. Lifting requirements is 75 pounds on an occasional basis. Position also includes exposure to outdoor condition during fieldwork, such as walking cropland fields in all temperatures and humidity and exposure to construction noise. Overall supervision received from the District Manager. Day to day supervision will be conducted by District staff.

Internship Expectations:

People the most valuable asset with the Mower SWCD. Our staff is made up of highly energetic and talented individuals that work exceptionally well as a team. All of our full time staff are highly trained and proficient in their careers, with many years of experience and experience working with young adults. Interns are not evaluated on experience or background. Your diverse views, experiences and unique talents will be treated as an asset to our staff and management. A great daily attitude and willingness to learn are an absolute necessity.

Why Work For Mower SWCD:

Seasonal Interns will be provided a wide variety of working experience with agricultural, environment and all of the programs that support that work. Dedicated interns will come away with strong resumes for public or private employment in the ag or environmental field. The Mower SWCD has a strong reputation among partners, which also strengthens your opportunity for quality employment. Staff members that dedicate themselves and take on new responsibilities will be given program ownership and given opportunities for further growth. Successful interns become a necessary part of our team and professional family.

Application Procedure:

Application may be found on the Mower SWCD website at mowerswcd.org. Complete the applications and submit to the Mower SWCD.

Applicants can mail applicant information to:

Justin Hanson, District Manager

Mower Soil and Water Conservation District/Cedar River Watershed District

1408 21st Ave NW

Austin, MN 55912

Or email to:

justin@mowerdistrict.org

Application period will close on Friday, February 25th, 2022

Condition of Announcement – The Mower SWCD reserves the right to make changes to the content of this position without notification and may at any time withdraw the announcement or extend the application period.

