

# Rubenstein School of Environment and Natural Resources

## University of Vermont

### Perennial Summer Internship Program - 2024

**Internship Title:** Research Vessel Deckhand

**Internship Site:** Rubenstein Ecosystem Science Laboratory, Burlington, Vermont

**Description:** Serve as a deckhand on the R/V *Marcelle Melosira* in support of research and education field trips on Lake Champlain. Duties will involve all aspects of field operations including deployment of scientific gear, participating as scientific crew member, assisting education staff in delivering on-the-water programs to kids and adults, vessel operations, safety drills, and other duties.

**Desired qualifications/skills/coursework:**

- No previous experience required; we will train you
- Ability to follow instructions
- An eye for detail - especially for safety
- Self-starting, take initiative
- Work under sometimes harsh conditions (e.g., wind and waves, rain, cold), long days, and occasional nightwork on Lake Champlain
- Driver's license; available to commute to the Rubenstein Laboratory at diverse hours

**\*Rubenstein students currently in their sophomore and junior years are eligible to apply. Earning Independent Study or Internship credit through the Rubenstein Internship Program is required. \***

**Supervision:** Intern will be supervised by the Captain of the R/V *Marcelle Melosira*

**Start and End Dates:** Mid-May – Mid-August, 2024 (exact start/end dates are negotiable)

**Total Hours:** 40 hours/week for 11 weeks

**Compensation:** \$18/hour

**How to apply:** Rubenstein students who will have completed their sophomore or junior year by summer 2024 are eligible to apply. Students graduating in May 2024 are not eligible to apply. Earning Independent Study or Internship credit through the Rubenstein Internship Program is required.

1. Click the following link to view the Rubenstein Perennial Internship Descriptions in Handshake:  
<https://uvm.joinhandshake.com/employers/226837>

- If asked to log in: click “UVM Net ID Login” & login.
- Click the Favorite button to enable easier searches in the future.

2. Click “View All Jobs” in Jobs at Rubenstein Perennial Internship Program box on right side of page.

3. You should now see the great Perennial Internship opportunities! Click “View Details” to learn more about each position.

- Please do take the time to carefully read each individual description so that you don’t miss a great opportunity by judging an internship solely on its title.
- You may apply for up to three Perennial Internships.
- All applications are due by **11:59pm, on Monday, February 5th, 2024.**

4. You’ll need to upload both required documents in Handshake before you can apply for any Perennial Internship:

- Click on your name at top right of screen in Handshake
- Select Documents.

5. Please upload all documents as pdfs. The following are the required documents:

- Resume
- Cover Letter

i. You should write and upload a unique cover letter for each position to which you are applying.

ii. In your cover letter, provide the name & contact information for at least one professional reference. This could be someone who supervised you in a past work/internship/volunteer position, or a professor or teacher, etc. The person listed should not be the person who completes your recommendation form.

6. In addition to the documents listed above, a **recommendation form will need to be completed by a Rubenstein faculty, graduate student, or staff member of your choosing.** When you ask your recommender if they are willing to complete the form to support your application, please provide your recommender:

- This link: [RECOMMENDATION FORM](#)
- Only one recommendation form needs to be completed regardless of how many Perennial Internships you are applying for.
- Your recommender will complete & submit this form online and then your recommendation will be confidentially added to your application(s). This recommendation form needs to be submitted by the February 5th, deadline.

7. Make sure that your resume and cover letter(s) are as strong as they can be! Utilize the resources around you:

- The Rubenstein Student Advisory Board members are great at reviewing resumes/cover letters and providing helpful feedback! Email the SAB to schedule an appointment after the start of the semester, or stop by their peer mentoring hours when the Spring semester starts (schedule to be posted by Jan 16, 2024): [rsenrsab@uvm.edu](mailto:rsenrsab@uvm.edu)
- Get your resume and cover letter reviewed by a Career Counselor at the Career Center. You can check the Career Center’s drop-in hours [here](#). The Career Center also offers a guide on building your resume available [here](#).
- Get connected with folks in the Rubenstein Student Services Office for resume and cover letter review during drop-in hours:

Meghan Young – Tuesdays, 10:00am-12:00pm, Aiken 219 Emily LeForce – Thursdays, 1:00-3:00pm, Aiken 220 Hub Cathy Shiga-Gattullo – Mondays, 1:00-3:00pm, Aiken 220 Hub

8. If you are selected to interview for a Perennial Internship, you will be contacted by the site to set up an interview during late February to early March.