***Job Notice***

***Field Assistant***

The Rhode Island Natural History Survey seeks a temporary ***Field Assistant*** for the 2017 season. S/he will assist the RINHS Botanist and Wetlands Scientist on a variety of projects relating to wetland habitat assessment, invasive species management, and habitat restoration using native plantings. The ideal candidate will have an interest in fieldwork in wetland science, conservation biology, or field ecology, with Bachelor’s Degree and/or experience working in one or more of these fields. A working knowledge of horticulture, plants native to Rhode Island as well as those considered invasive in the state is preferred. Experience working with volunteers a plus.

The majority of the work will be fieldwork, but the position will also require the assistant to complete data entry tasks. For project work pertaining to invasive species management and biodiversity increases, the assistant will also be asked to contribute to volunteer training and coordination.

Required Qualifications:

Interest in fieldwork in botany, wetland science, conservation biology, field ecology

Bachelor’s Degree and/or experience working in one or more of these fields

Ability to work outside for long periods of time in a variety of weather conditions, and under adverse conditions

Attention to detail and protocols

Ability to work independently and as part of a team

Experience with data entry and analysis in Excel

Valid driver’s license, and a reliable means of transportation to and from sites on occasion (mileage is compensated)

Job Details:

Pay is $15/hour. This position is a term position ending in October 2017 and is not eligible for fringe benefits. Hours per week will vary depending on need, although 20 to 35 hours per week can be expected. RINHS is an equal opportunity employer, women & minorities are encouraged to apply. This is a fieldwork position. Substantial physical exertion and/or physical strain, sometimes in remote locations, difficult terrain, and inclement weather will be required. Work environment involves exposure to job hazards where there is a possibility of injury and/or arthropod-borne disease.

The RI Natural History Survey is a 501(c)(3) organization founded in 1994 to connect those with knowledge of Rhode Island's animals, plants, and natural communities with each other and with those who can use that knowledge for research, education, and conservation. For more information visit www.rinhs.org.

Review of applications will begin April 12, 2017 and continue until a suitable candidate is found. To apply, send a cover letter, resume, and the names and contact information, including email and phone number, of three persons whom RINHS may contact regarding your experience and qualifications to programadmin@rinhs.org.