

# Forest Health Internship

The Tennessee Department of Agriculture, Division of Forestry is seeking an intern for the dates of May 20, 2024 – August 9, 2024, in the Forest Health Program. This position is assigned to the Tennessee Division of Forestry, Forest Health and Sustainability Unit and will be responsible for assisting with forest health monitoring.

## Location:

Ellington Agricultural Center

## Examples of job duties include:

Under the direction of Forest Health Program Specialist and Tennessee Division of Forestry field staff assist in implementation of forest health programs:

- Assist Tennessee Division of Forestry personnel with placing and inspecting spongy moth traps in Davidson and Rutherford Counties.
- Assist Tennessee Division of Forestry Personnel with placing and inspecting spongy moth delimiting traps in Humphreys and Wilson Counties
- Assist the Forest Health Program Specialist with emerald ash borer survey in Robertson, Montgomery, Stewart, Houston, Humphreys, and Perry Counties.
- Assist the Forest Health Program Specialist with invasive plant projects at Natchez Trace State Forest and other sites in middle Tennessee.
- Assis Forest Health Program Specialist with database management for spongy moth program and generating outreach material for invasive plant projects.
- Conduct independent project work which may include overnight travel.

**Other duties may be assigned as needed.**

## Education:

- High School Diploma
- Currently seeking a degree in forestry, entomology, biology or other related field.
- Must be in good academic standing with a GPA of 2.5 or higher.

## Essential Knowledge and Required Skills:

- The ideal candidate will be a detailed-oriented self-starter and a team player. The ideal candidate will demonstrate knowledge of basic pest survey skills. Forestry or entomology knowledge and oral communication skills are recommended.

## Working Conditions:

- Primarily field work including traveling and navigating in rural and urban areas for spongy moth survey and other forest health surveys.
- Some office work may include data management and writing outreach material, with supervision from Forest Health Program Specialist.
- Independent work may be required with supervision from the Forest Health Program Specialist.
- Mileage for state travel associated with forest health projects will be reimbursed, with potential to use a state vehicle for travel when available.

## Comments:

- This is a paid internship.
- Some overnight travel may be required. Work related overnight travel expenses will be reimbursed in accordance with Tennessee State Policies.
- For more information on the Tennessee Department of Agriculture, Division of Forestry please visit: <https://www.tn.gov/agriculture/forests.html>.

## How to Apply:

To apply for this internship opportunity, please send the following documents to [Jamy.Freeman@tn.gov](mailto:Jamy.Freeman@tn.gov) :

- Resume
- Cover Letter
- Most recent education transcript
- 2 professional letters of recommendation
- DD214 (Veteran Candidates only)

**ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED BY FRIDAY, MARCH 15, 2024**



## Other Information:

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