

2020 Patchen Miller Intern

The Patchen Miller Internship at UVLT embraces the science, stewardship and sense of community involved in land conservation. A Patchen Miller intern has the unique opportunity to work in the conservation field while gaining valuable experience with a nonprofit organization. A modest stipend of \$1,800-\$2,000 will be awarded. Internship length is variable but should generally incorporate the equivalent of 200-220 hours of work.

In 2020 the Patchen Miller Internship will be focused on UVLT's food pantry garden at Brookmead Conservation Area in Norwich, VT (approx. 6mi and 15 min from the UVLT office in Hanover).

UVLT's food pantry garden is in its second growing season. The garden is used to grow food for our neighbors in need, with all produce being donated to Willing Hands, who delivers the food to those who need it most. In our first year UVLT grew only two crops on 1/8th of an acre— potatoes and kale— harvesting 617 lbs of potatoes and 90lbs of kale. In our second year we will be doubling the size of the garden and growing a wider variety of storage crops, which can be stored by Willing Hands until mid-winter, when local vegetables are in short supply.

The Patchen Miller Intern will assist in all aspects of garden management, under the supervision of the Programs Director.

Responsibilities

- Preparing the garden soil for planting, including raking, digging, creating rows and beds, removing rocks
- Bed and garden maintenance throughout the season including weeding, watering, and weed whacking
- Aid in harvests as needed
- Assist in managing volunteers on site during weekly volunteer days (Wednesday evenings throughout the season)
- Assist in recruiting new volunteers, with the possibility to set up and run a second weekly volunteer day
- Create promotional and social media content about the garden and community work days including video, photos, and at least one written piece for the UVLT website/newsletter
- Other duties as assigned

Qualifications/Capabilities

- Must be comfortable working outside in a variety of weather conditions
- Must be able to lift 30 lbs
- Must have own vehicle and valid driver's license for transportation of tools, harvesting containers, vegetables, etc.
- Working knowledge of gardening and/or agriculture is not required but would be helpful
- Experience working with volunteers is not required but would be helpful
- Desire, ability, and experience working outdoors