

2023 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 \$2,500 will be awarded. Internship length is variable but should generally incorporate the equivalent of 185-200 hours of work.

In 2023 the Patchen Miller Internship will be focused on UVLT's food pantry gardens at Brookmead Conservation Area in Norwich, VT and Up on the Hill in Charlestown, NH. UVLT also has a garden space at Brookmead dedicated to growing food and seed for the Abenaki Land Link project which is part of the food security work of [Abenaki Helping Abenaki](#), a nonprofit organization of the Nulhegan Abenaki Tribe.

UVLT's food pantry gardens grow food for our neighbors in need, with all produce being donated to Willing Hands and other local nonprofits addressing food insecurity. With help from the community and dedicated volunteers, UVLT was able to donate over 1,200 pounds of produce including potatoes, tomatoes, onions, and radishes to Willing Hands during the 2022 growing season. Both gardens will bring together volunteers to produce a variety of vegetables needed by the recipient organizations.

The Patchen Miller Intern will assist in many aspects of the gardens and other community impact work, under the supervision of the Volunteer Coordinator.

Tasks May Include

- Preparing the garden soil for planting, including raking, digging, removing rocks
- Bed and garden maintenance throughout the season including weeding, watering, weed whacking, and pest management
- Aid in harvest and transportation of vegetables
- Assist in managing and leading volunteers on site for weekly garden workdays
- Create promotional and social media content 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.
- Must be able to work independently
- 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