

Patchen Miller Internship

The Upper Valley Land Trust (UVLT) is a nonprofit conservation organization dedicated to preserving the unique landscapes of the Upper Connecticut River Valley. Since its founding in 1985, UVLT has permanently protected over 56,000 acres of forests, farms, waterways, and wildlife habitats across more than 500 properties. Through land conservation, stewardship, and community engagement, UVLT collaborates with landowners, municipalities, and local organizations to ensure the natural beauty and ecological health of the Upper Valley.

Position Summary:

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. Internship length is variable but should generally incorporate the equivalent of 150-180 hours of work. A stipend of \$1,500 is available.

In 2025 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 produce vegetables and fruit donated to Willing Hands and other local nonprofits addressing food insecurity. With help from the community and dedicated volunteers, in 2024 UVLT donated over 1,900 pounds of produce including potatoes, tomatoes, onions, squash, carrots and radishes to our partners at Willing Hands and the Claremont Soup Kitchen. Both gardens will bring together volunteers to produce food 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 Stewardship Programs Coordinator.

Duties and Responsibilities:

- 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.

Key Qualifications:

- 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.

Work Environment:

- Outdoor field work in the gardens.

Direct reports

None.

General Expectations:

- All interns will abide by the UVLT Employee Handbook, follow organizational policies, attend staff meetings, and contribute to internal functions.
- This position may evolve over time, and duties may be adjusted at the discretion of UVLT's President or the Stewardship VP.
- All UVLT staff positions are non-contractual, all employees are employed "at will."

To apply, please send a resume and cover letter to:

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