



INTERN POSITION DESCRIPTION

The Chester County Conservation District has partnered a successful internship program with many students and universities. Internships provide valuable experience to the students and afford the Conservation District staff assistance with projects. Many of the students who have utilized the internship program with the Conservation District have found employment with the district or other agencies. An internship is a great way to network, meet professionals in natural resources conservation, and gain experience in a work environment.

Purpose: The purpose of the Chester County Conservation District's Internship Program is to provide students with the opportunity to explore and experience working with an agency in natural resources conservation. Internships are beneficial to all three parties: the student, the district, and the university.

Description: The student will assist qualified conservation district staff in their day-to-day responsibilities. This may include:

- Meeting with county cooperators at their farms
- Inspecting earth disturbance construction sites
- Installing BMPs such as riparian buffers, agricultural and urban BMPs
- Reviewing erosion and sediment control plans
- Reviewing nutrient management plans
- Participating in natural resources inventories and evaluations
- Data entry of natural resources information
- Assisting with the Chester County Envirothon
- Assisting in developing natural resources mapping and GIS coverage
- Assisting in survey and layout of conservation practices
- Assisting in general office responsibilities

Requirements: The students should be either juniors or seniors in a natural resources program at an accredited university.

Students must agree to:

- Sign up as members of USDA Earth Team
- Sign the district's liability agreement
- Commit the time and energy to complete the internship
- Come with a positive attitude, wanting to learn

The Conservation District will provide:

- The experience
- Day to day supervision
- A stipend based on the hours and credits of the internship, if completed satisfactorily
- A review and evaluation of the student's progress during the internship

For additional information about the Internship Program, please contact Christian Strohmaier at (610) 925-4920, ext 111 or email to cstrohmaier@chesco.org.