



**WOODS HOLE RESEARCH CENTER**

**Summer Research Assistant- Coastal Vegetation & Conservation - Job # CNCV17**

**SUMMARY:** We seek a motivated Summer Field Research Assistant to work on coastal vegetation and conservation science projects at The Woods Hole Research Center. The successful candidate will assist in projects that assess the effects of grazing and land use history on the vegetation of the coastal region of southeastern Massachusetts, and the effectiveness of current conservation management practices in structuring vegetation and preserving biodiversity. The field sites will be located in the Cape & Islands, and the candidate would be expected to live in the Woods Hole region.

**Qualifications and Experience:** The candidate should possess a BS degree, or significant course work and/or field experience in ecology or environmental science. A background in terrestrial ecology, soil science, botany, or ecosystems ecology is preferred. Demonstrated skills in data organization, analysis and report writing are also preferred. Applicants should be in good health, capable of rigorous outdoor activity, and willing to endure occasional exposure to insects, ticks and poison ivy.

**Duties** will include, but not limited to:

- Fieldwork to quantify vegetation to determine the effects of nitrogen supply and grazing on coastal vegetation
- Ability to document plant species, plant biomass, and plant cover
- Collection and laboratory processing of soil samples
- Sampling vegetation in grassland, shrublands and marsh habitats
- Data organization and data analysis of vegetation patterns over time
- Excellent interpersonal, and teamwork skills are required
- Work in marine environments, under variable weather conditions
- A valid US driver's license is required
- Attention to detail and strong organization skills are required

**Field season:** May 1, 2017- August 30, 2017

**Application Deadline:** April 10th, or until filled

**Compensation:** \$14 to \$15 an hour (dependent upon experience); full-time at 40 hrs/week

**Application Instructions:** To apply, please send cover letter referencing “Summer RA job# CNCV17”, resume, and contact information for three references to [jobopenings@whrc.org](mailto:jobopenings@whrc.org). Please type “CNCV17” in the subject line.

For more information, please contact Christopher Neill: [cneill@whrc.org](mailto:cneill@whrc.org)

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