Student Internship at WCU’s Gordon Natural Area

The WCU Gordon Natural Area (GNA)—a 126-acre preserve on on South Campus—is seeking one WCU student to fill a **GNA Student Internship Position** for the 2021 Fall semester. The successful applicant will work in the natural area with the GNA Stewardship Manager and other Student Interns.

**Tasks Include:**
- Tree-planting and maintenance, and other restoration activities
- Trail maintenance and erosion repair
- Contributing to the GNA’s website and social media presence
- Photographing the species of the GNA and associated tasks (e.g., photo labeling and processing)
- Entering data into the GNA databases
- Participating in faculty-led research, as needed
- Work in the Native Plant Nursery
- A variety of other tasks, as needed

Much of the work will be physical in nature, so applicants should be capable of lifting 50+ pounds and able to undertake physical labor for extended periods. Student Interns need to be able to be in the Gordon at least one day a week. Work will be structured to maximize safety during the pandemic.

A portion of the work involves identifying plants and, to a lesser degree, insects, fungi, and other biotic groups. Although experience with plant identification is desirable, it is not required, so long as the applicant has a strong interest in learning about the local flora and fauna.

The intern will initially be hired for the Fall of 2021 with the possibility of renewal during the Spring and beyond. The rate of pay is $12/hour and the workload is 5 hours/week. The successful applicant will be able to work throughout the entire fall employment period.

**To apply**, create an application following the instructions below and email it to Dr. Nur Ritter, Gordon Natural Area Stewardship Manager ([gna@wcupa.edu](mailto:gna@wcupa.edu)) by Sunday, September 12th.
Application for Gordon Natural Area Student Internship Position
Fall 2021


Please fill out the information below. To be considered for the position, applications must include an attached reference. You must be a full-time student, enrolled in the Fall 2021 semester. The position will start at the start of the Fall Semester.

Applications must be submitted via e-mail by 9/12/21 to Dr. Nur Ritter at: gna@wcupa.edu. Please put GORDON INTERN in the subject line. Include the following information:

1. Full Name
2. WCU ID Number
3. WCU email
4. Year and Expected Graduation Date: (first year, sophomore, junior, senior)
5. In a paragraph (150 words, or less), explain why you want to be an GNA Intern
6. List knowledge, skills, work, and course experiences related to the duties outlined above (use a bulleted list)
7. Provide one written, work-related reference, including contact information for the person(s) giving the reference