

To: WCU-Enrolled Students
Subject: Gordon Natural Area Internship

Internship Opportunity: Summer 2018

The WCU Gordon Natural Area (GNA) is seeking one WCU student to fill a **GNA Internship Position** for the 2018 Summer semester to work in the natural area with the GNA Stewardship Manager and one other Student Intern.

Tasks include:

- Tree-planting (and maintenance) and other restoration activities
- Trail maintenance
- Native plant seed collecting and propagation
- Monitoring the results of the Emerald Ash Borer parasitoid program
- Participating in faculty-led research
- Education activities within the GNA: leading tours, creating content for the kiosk, interacting with the public
- Contributing to the GNA's web/social media presence
- A variety of other tasks, as needed

Much of the work is physical in nature, so applicants should be capable of lifting 50+ pounds and able to undertake physical labor for extended periods. A portion of the work involves identifying plants and, to a lesser degree, insects 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 Summer of 2018 with the possibility of renewal during the Fall and Spring of the 2018-19 academic year. The Summer employment period is from May 27th to August 18th.

The rate of pay is \$11/hour and the workload is 20 hours/week. The successful applicant will be able to work throughout the entire summer employment period (with one or two weeks of vacation time as desired).

To apply, fill out the application below and e-mail it to **Dr. Nur Ritter**
Gordon Natural Area Stewardship Manager (gna@wcupa.edu) **by May 1, 2018.**

Note: To find out more about the Gordon Natural Area, please visit our website:
<https://wcupa.edu/gordonNaturalArea/>

**Application for Gordon Natural Area Internship Position
Summer 2018**

DUE: May 1, 2018.

Please fill out the information below. To be considered for the position, applications must be, including an attached reference. You must be a full-time student, enrolled in the Fall 2018 semester. The position will start in late May 2018. Applications must be submitted via e-mail by May 1 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, 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 work-related reference