Citizen Science and Research Internship

Milwaukee’s Urban Ecology Center has captured the attention of leaders in cities across the country. Our model of creating neighborhood-based environmental education centers energize urban public natural areas. The result is reduction in crime, protection and enhancement of urban ecosystems, increased property values and improved academic achievement. Located in vibrant public green spaces, our fast-growing organization serves over 100,000 people of all ages annually. Our innovative team of cutting-edge non-profit professionals works in creative, high-energy open offices in state-of-the-art green facilities. The Urban Ecology Center is a leader in workplace flexibility and have been recognized as one of Milwaukee’s Top Work Places by the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel. The Urban Ecology Center’s facilities and programs have been recognized nationally and internationally for their innovative approach to sustainability, neighborhood-based urban environmental education and citizen science.

Position Summary: The goal of this internship is to develop skills in wildlife research and monitoring for a variety of taxa and to become an environmentally responsible mentor in the urban Milwaukee community. This intern will experience the full scope of the Urban Ecology Center’s department of Citizen Science Research at our Riverside Park, Washington Park, and/or Menomonee Valley branches. This intern will additionally assist with programs, projects and general operations as needed.

Primary Responsibilities

- Work closely with the Center’s Citizen Science department to support wildlife research and monitoring efforts in the Milwaukee Rotary Centennial Arboretum, Washington Park and the Menomonee Valley.
- Gain an understanding of the goals of the Citizen Science department, especially as it relates to adaptive management of the Center’s green spaces.
- Facilitate monitoring projects, including but not limited to bird, bat, butterfly, snake, turtle and mammal surveys.
- Assist with logistics, geospatial technologies, and data management as needed.
- Carry out an independent study related to adaptive management.