



**Natural Areas Conservancy**  
**CUNY Field Research Intern (1 PAID opportunities)**

**Organization Overview**

The Natural Areas Conservancy (NAC) is a non-profit organization devoted to restoring, managing, and conserving New York City's 20,000 acres of natural areas for all New Yorkers. Working in partnership with the New York City Department of Parks & Recreation (NYC Parks), our long-term vision for New York City is to bring our natural assets on par with the cultural amenities and essential infrastructure of our city. We seek to ensure that residents and visitors enjoy world-class recreational opportunities, while simultaneously benefiting from the societal benefits that our natural parkland provides. More information can be found on our website [naturalareasnyc.org](http://naturalareasnyc.org).

**Internship description:**

The Natural Areas Conservancy is leading scientific studies in natural area parkland in all five boroughs of NYC as part of a paid summer CUNY student internship program. The data collected through this program will contribute to one of the largest existing datasets on urban ecological conditions in the country which is informing and guiding the NYC Parks' forest and wetland management. Under the supervision of the NAC ecologists students will collect vegetation, wildlife, and ecological measurements and learn plant identification skills, field assessment protocols and lab methodology.

The **Field Research Intern** position, available only to enrolled or recently graduated students in any CUNY college, is approximately 90% field work (outdoors in various weather conditions carrying up to 30 lbs.) and 10% office or lab work. Interns will be trained in field assessment protocols and will collect scientific data on vegetation and wildlife in forests, wetlands, and grasslands. Main tasks include:

- Working outdoors for long hours in NYC natural areas
- Accurately collecting data according to assessment protocols
- Documenting, downloading, and editing field data daily or as needed on field data recording devices or paper datasheets
- Accurately locating study areas using a GPS
- Assisting in data entry and analysis as needed

**Job Location:** 1 Field Research Intern positions are available with reporting locations in all five boroughs of New York City (Manhattan, Queens, the Bronx, Brooklyn, and Staten Island).

**Duration:** 8 weeks, 35 hours/week, June 17 - August 9, 2019

**Salary:** \$15/hour

**To apply send by 5:00 pm June 7, 2019:**

- A. Cover letter (C)
- B. Resume (R)
- C. Copy of unofficial transcripts (UOT) from any of the CUNY schools



D. 3 names that could be contacted for references (Ref) include phone number and email.  
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**Please send all materials electronically as PDF files with each labeled follows:**

- A. 2019\_last name\_first init.\_CL (i.e. '2019\_Jones\_J\_CL.pdf');
- B. 2019\_last name\_first init\_R (i.e. '2019\_Jones\_J\_R.pdf');
- C. 2019\_last name\_first init\_UOT (i.e. '2019\_Jones\_J\_UOT.pdf')
- D. 2019\_last name, first init\_Ref (i.e. '2019\_Jones\_J\_Ref.pdf')

