

Summer Field Positions: Invasive Plant Survey Technicians (8)

Title: Invasive Plant Survey Technician, Seasonal (8 positions)

Work location: Fort Drum, NY (free housing available upon request)

Salary: Minimum \$17/hour

The New York Natural Heritage Program is hiring eight field technicians to conduct invasive plant surveys at the Fort Drum Military Installation. Start date of the project will be mid-May, 2022. Positions could be filled by college students or professionals with relevant experience. Student positions will end at the beginning of the academic year; non-student positions may be extended into September. Work will occur Monday through Thursday, 10 hours per day, 40 hours per week. Weekend or holiday work may be required to access certain areas of the base.

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Duties

- Field crew will work as a team to document the presence and abundance of invasive plant species on the Fort Drum Military Installation.
- Work outdoors in all weather conditions.
- Collect data using tablets equipped with GIS apps and Trimble Geo7 units.

Required Qualifications

- Course work or field experience in one or more of the following areas: community ecology, wetland systems, zoology, botany, wildlife management.
- Familiarity with plants of the Northeastern U.S.
- Willingness and capability to work outdoors in all weather conditions.
- As per Fort Drum requirements, applicants must be U.S. citizens and a background check will be conducted.

Preferred Qualifications

- Experience identifying plants, particularly invasive species.
- Experience with GPS, GIS, and computer applications.
- Familiarity with field navigation using aerial and topographic maps.
- Familiarity with taxonomic keys and field guides.
- Possession of a valid driver's license.

Working Conditions/Physical Effort: Will work outdoors 10 hours per day (4 days per week) in variable weather conditions, at times in remote locations, on difficult and hazardous terrain, and under physically demanding circumstances, in isolated settings. Will be working on an active military base. Cellular service may not always be present.

Covid-19: Employees will need to follow Covid-19 safety protocols as per Fort Drum and SUNY ESF.

How to Apply: Apply soon for optimal consideration! Review of applications will take place until positions are filled. Send cover letter and resume including contact information for three references to Greg Welter at gregory.welter@dec.ny.gov

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