Internship Opportunity: Allerton Park – Ecological Restoration
(multiple positions available)

Deadline for application: February 10, 2007, or until filled

Availability: Full-time summer (37 work hours, 3 instructional hours per week)*

Rate: Internship includes room and board plus a $3,000 stipend.

Requirements: Minimum of two years of college course work in restoration ecology, conservation biology and/or related work experience.
Student must provide own transportation.
Must be able to perform rigorous physical activity.

Responsibilities:
- Participate in the implementation of a restoration plan for the Allerton mansion pond
- Remove non-indigenous plant species from the surrounding drainage basin
- Implement a recommended planting design for the savanna and wetland habitats
- Maintain native and aquatic plants
- Develop monitoring protocols
- Achieve certification as a licensed herbicide applicator
- Communicate with park visitors about the restoration project
- Assist Allerton Natural Areas Manager on other projects including wildlife research in the park, prescribed burning, exotic species control, trail maintenance.

Student will learn:
- Principles of ecological sustainability
- Proposal justification skills and related communication techniques
- Restoration and conservation skills
- Restoration safety skills
- Park visitor interaction skills

Internship period:
Summer semester: ~ May 14, 2007 – August 10, 2007

To apply, send cover letter and resume to:
Allerton Park
515 Old Timber Road
Monticello, IL 61856
Attn: Internship Program

* There is a possibility that this can be offered as a part-time fall or spring internship with room and board at prevailing rate.