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### ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION INTERNS NEEDED

*The Nature Institute's student search for new program*

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Godfrey, Ill – The Nature Institute (TNI) is expanding its education department and is currently seeking students or recent graduates to fill multiple part and full time opportunities for their highly selective environmental education internship program.

TNI is searching for strong candidates looking to gain real world experience through well-rounded training, on-the-job practice and challenges at its education facility. Individuals interested should be currently enrolled in or have completed a baccalaureate degree and have a passion for teaching the natural world, among other traits.

The intern program is new at the organization. Ramona Puskar, education assistant for TNI, is spearheading the search.

“Interns will become an essential part of the team by taking part in decision making for programs and working directly with all staff from all experience levels and backgrounds.” Puskar continued, “These positions serve as a great opportunity for real world experience working in a non-profit organization.”

Interns will gain experience working with and teaching area students from preschool through high school, assist in developing programs and curriculum and develop special events for a variety of audiences.

“Selected applicants will have the chance to make a real difference in the lives of children. As environmental educators, we have the privilege of introducing the next generation to the land that they call home. There is no substitute for experiencing nature with all of your senses” says Puskar.

Fall and spring semester opportunities are available. Those interested should send a resume, three references with email addresses, and a cover letter stating why you are applying to Ramona Puskar at The Nature Institute, 2213 South Levis Lane in Godfrey, Ill or [rpuskar@thenatureinstitute.org](mailto:rpuskar@thenatureinstitute.org). Deadline to apply for spring semester work is December 12, 2016.

TNI is a conservation and environmental education organization that works to foster an awareness and appreciation of the natural world through preservation, restoration and education. TNI has several hiking trails throughout their preserves that are free and open for public use.

For more information on this job opening, visit [TheNatureInstitute.org](http://TheNatureInstitute.org) or call (618) 466-9930.

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