

## Summer Research Opportunity

### Gain valuable ecological research experience while helping UIUC reach sustainability goals

The Yannarell and Harmon-Threatt labs at UIUC seek applicants for a 10-week summer research opportunity (June 5-August 11, 2023). Students will receive a \$6000 stipend while working to understand bee, plant, and soil conservation at Phillips Tract, a UIUC-owned natural area 15 minutes from campus. A 13-acre site was restored to native prairie in 2018, and we seek motivated students to help collect data relevant to the project and conduct independent research. Data collected will help understand how conversion to native prairie benefits campus sustainability goals for biodiversity conservation and carbon sequestration.

#### Required Characteristics:

- United states citizens or permanent residents (eligible to work in the US)
- Must be enrolled in an undergraduate program for fall of 2023 at UIUC. Students who have received their bachelor's degrees and are no longer enrolled as undergraduates are not eligible to participate
- A strong interest in ecology, restoration, and conservation
- No allergies or serious aversions to bee stings
- Ability to work in warm weather for many hours
- Ability to participate in a mid SP 23 reading group beginning the week of April 3<sup>rd</sup> for 1-2 hours

#### Preferred Optional Characteristics:

- Valid driver's license and car
- Lab research experience
- Field Research Experience
- Ecology and/or Soils (IB 203, NRES 201, NRES 219)
- Experience in entomology

#### Application:

Applications are due by February 9<sup>th</sup> at midnight and should include a single document with:

- Cover letter detailing any relevant experience, interest in the position, and future professional goals
- CV/resume
- Transcript (unofficial is ok)
- Contact information for 3 references

For questions and to submit applications please email Virginia Roberts [ver21@illinois.edu](mailto:ver21@illinois.edu)