Zadigan Intern: Field Botany Intern
Recruiting one intern for summer 2017

Summer: 10-12 full days of fieldwork; and some office work/data entry

Starting date: May 30, 2017; all work will be completed by August 20

The lab of Dr. Kelly Kindscher is seeking a Zadigan Intern to assist us this summer in fieldwork in eastern Kansas that will focus on identifying plants and habitats on state and private lands in order to provide management advice that will be more beneficial to plant biodiversity and pollinators. The work will focus on plant species identification in specific habitats. This Zadigan internship will result in a $1,200 tuition reduction for the following semester, contingent upon completing the 120 hour work requirement, and the student may enroll for 3 internship credit hours if desired. The student will work under the supervision of Kelly Kindscher and a Kansas Biological Survey staff member. E-mail and phone communication is required for scheduling. A set schedule of field days will be established. It will require full days work, and some overnight travel with us. All travel and lodging costs will be covered, so there will not be extra expenses.

Primary tasks will be to assist with fieldwork, including setting up plots and equipment, taking notes, filling in forms, recording and entering data, and other tasks as required. The student should have experience with, or an interest in, learning plant and weed identification. The successful candidate should be able to work in variable and inclement weather conditions, including, but not limited to, very hot, humid, rainy or dry weather. They should also be able to work with a supervisor and follow instructions, work collaboratively with others and work efficiently.

The student should expect to gain and strengthen botanical, ecological and habitat restoration skills and increase knowledge of important native plants. This internship has often led to additional work with the Kindscher lab.

To apply, e-mail a cover letter, resume, and the names and contact information of two references to Dr. Kelly Kindscher at kindscher@ku.edu by Sunday, April 2nd. The cover letter should address: 1) your interest in working on field and botany projects, and why we should hire you, 2) any other experience or work skills (especially with plants, or field work, if any) that you think are beneficial and are related to the primary tasks listed above, and 3) when you will graduate from EVRN. One student will needed for this position, and two students will be need as garden workers for the Medicinal Plant garden. You cannot do both, but you are welcome to apply to any, or all, of these opportunities.

Questions should be directed to Kelly Kindscher at kindscher@ku.edu.

Required Qualifications
Environmental Studies Major
Valid driver’s license
Ability to work full days during June—August.