



FIELD TECHNICIAN OPEN POSITIONS



V3 Companies is a growth-oriented organization providing professional engineering, construction, and science related services to clients. V3's Ecological Restoration Practice Area is seeking qualified candidates to fill multiple Field Technician positions. A technical degree is not required for this position, however, for students interested in the biological sciences (i.e., biology, botany, ecology, zoology, aquatic ecology, etc.), these positions offer valuable ecological field experience working within the Chicago region and can be applied for internship credit.



Details

Open Position: Field Technicians - Part Time Positions Available
 Location: Various sites in the Greater Chicago Metropolitan Area
 Starting Date: March 2023
 Completion: Estimated as November 2023 (project dependent / flexible) Flexible around school schedule (part time schedules available)
 Hours per Week: 20-50 (project dependent / flexible)
 Pay: Starting at \$15.40/hour, Commensurating with experience
 Overtime Pay: 1.5 x base wage for every hour worked over 40 in the same week
 Applications: Accepted until positions are filled.



Field Technicians will assist V3 staff ecologists with a variety of field management activities for projects around the greater Chicagoland area. Responsibilities will include:



- Conducting invasive species control (mechanical and chemical methods) and wetland plant installation.
- Obtaining an herbicide operator's license issued by the State of Illinois.
- Spending 100% of the time in the field at various project locations as assigned.
- Working in vegetative communities such as prairies, wetlands, sedge meadows, woodlands, and naturalized basins.
- Learning plant identification, plant ecology and invasive species control methods.
- Other responsibilities may include irrigation, tree and shrub installation, select tree removal, and erosion control blanket installation.



Technicians will be scheduled on various project sites, possibly on a daily basis, throughout the season. Project sites are located throughout the greater Chicagoland area.



Requirements

- Must be at least 18 years of age;
- Must provide own private transportation to each project location;
- Must have the physical ability to work in up to 2 feet of muddy water and carry materials weighing up to 50 pounds.

Interested applicants should email their resume to Sawyer Yeazel at syeazel@v3co.com or Natalia Aguilar at naguilar@v3co.com.



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Previous Employee Testimonies

WHAT DID YOU LIKE BEST ABOUT THE POSITION?

- “Getting experience from working in so many diverse nature preserves. It is amazing to see the different kinds of environments plants grow in and seeing all of the different kinds of plants in those environments.”
- “Learning to identify native and non-native plants was a great part of the job. Working with all levels of experienced field ecologists gave me opportunities to ask many questions about plants, ecological management, and practical skills for the field. I really enjoyed working with many of the crew leaders and other field technicians as well. This was exactly the type of position I hoped to get right out of college.”
- “I enjoyed working outside with other people who cared about the work that they were doing. I enjoyed gaining plant ID a lot more than I thought I would have!”

WHAT DID YOU LIKE BEST ABOUT THE COMPANY?

- “I really like that V3 is trying to improve the quality of the environment in the Chicago area. I think a lot of people don’t realize how many great natural areas there are and a big part of that is due to the company. In terms of this position, I thought that the company was extremely fair in giving everybody an opportunity to work at prevailing wage job sites, as well as put us all at a variety of job sites. This definitely allowed me to learn more since every site is so different. I also really like how close-knit the company is. I feel like almost everybody I worked with had a friend or relative who works/worked for the company, and I think that’s really awesome.”
- “I didn’t realize how well known and respected V3 is around the Chicago area. I’m impressed! V3 employees really seem to enjoy working here and have good things to say, which is always encouraging. Also, it seems like there are good chances to return for another season if you’re a hard worker.”
- “There was very clear communication on what was expected in the position and it was very easy to ask questions of Brad, the field ecologists, and the project managers whenever anything came up.”

HOW DOES V3’S PAY STRUCTURE COMPARE WITH THE PAY YOU HAVE RECEIVED FOR SIMILAR TYPE WORK IN PREVIOUS SUMMER POSITIONS?

- “I had only ever worked retail previous to V3, which has always been minimum wage. I was very pleased with the pay at V3.”
- “This internship pays a lot more than other internships I have had. It is encouraging to work hard when you feel like you are getting paid a decent amount for an internship position.”

WHAT DID YOU LEARN FROM THIS POSITION REGARDING RESTORATION?

- “1). Plants! Native and non-native ones. 2). How to use some heavy machinery (the weed whip specifically). 3). General ecological management practices (progression of a site year to year/within a season) 4). Chemical weed control (wicking, spraying, etc.) 5). General characteristics of wet prairies.”
- “What I did learn from this position is very applicable to my future goals, but I don’t think education is the #1 goal of this position. More importantly this job teaches you certain values applicable at all jobs--being on time, working hard, having good communication, etc...”
- “I learned a wide variety of plant species, both native and non-native to this region. I also learned about ecosystems and how prairies develop over time and why it is important to control invasive species.”

WOULD YOU RECOMMEND THIS SUMMER POSITION TO A FRIEND? WHY OR WHY NOT?

- “Yes, interesting work, good people, good pay.”
- “Yes, the work is rewarding and informative and the coworkers are friendly and helpful.”
- “I would for so many reasons. It was hard work, but in a good way. You get to work outside in natural settings, around interested and passionate professionals as well as peers with similar interests. There were many different backgrounds, and no matter what, you end up learning a great deal about many different things. The pay was great, and I felt like my efforts were truly appreciated by the staff. It was a great work experience.”

Click [here](#) to get a glimpse of what type of work you could do alongside V3’s Ecological Restoration team!