Call for MODS 2021 TAs

Job Description
Member of MODS team responsible for implementing the program under the direction of the MODS leaders. Each TA will be assigned to an individual MOD (Perspectives & Pathways, Yale Myers, Urban) to assist with pre-MODS planning, and during MODS will be responsible for organizing activities, preparing classroom and field materials, teaching field exercises, assisting and supporting lecturers and facilitators, managing the schedule, assisting individual participants and work groups as needed. TAs should also be flexible with the changing dynamics given the uncertainty about the pandemic that may occur during MODs. TAs as YSE ambassadors are critical to assuring a great MODS experience for all incoming students, and as such should be observant and attentive to participant’s needs, enthusiastically interact with the incoming class, and answer myriads of questions about the YSE experience, academic and otherwise.

Qualifications
Excellent communications skills; experienced with teamwork; ENTHUSIASTIC!
Strong knowledge of at least one of the following: ecosystem measurement, forestry and forest ecology, trees of the northeastern US, stream ecology, energy systems, material flows, urban ecology, urban systems, hydrology and water quality.

Other requirements
Must be available August 4 – August 26, 2021, excluding weekends.
Valid US or Canadian driver’s license and YSE driver’s certification required for Yale Myers.
Students who have participated in the in-person MODS are especially encouraged to apply.
Fluency in more than one language is a plus.

Interviews will be held March 22 – April 2; offers will be made shortly thereafter.

How to apply
Please submit your resume and a short (less than one page) statement of interest including relevant experience to Colleen Murphy-Dunning (Colleen.Murphy-Dunning@yale.edu) by March 21. REQUIRED: title email subject line “MODS TA APPLICATION”.
Please be specific about:
1. Your knowledge and experience as it relates to one or more of the MODS curricula.
2. Your experience supervising and interacting with large groups. How would you ensure incoming students feel welcomed? What it would look like to be a YSE ambassador from your lived experience? YSE is a professional school – how would you onboard professional students?
3. Please indicate a preference (Urban, Yale Myers, Perspectives & Pathways), however we cannot guarantee selected candidates will be assigned their preferred MOD. Please indicate whether or not you have a valid US or Canadian driver's license, YSE driver’s certification, and if you are fluent in a language other than English.