

Alaska U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service
2011 Student Employment Program
Intern Request Form

Please Complete all information listed in BLUE

Alaska Maritime NWR

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Summer 2011

Remote islands off Alaska

Start Date for internship

Location of Internship

Housing/Travel

NO

Does the internship location require the intern to have his own vehicle to get to work?

NONE

What kind of public transportation is available in the area?

YES

Will you or another FWS staff be able to pick up the intern at the airport if needed?

HOM- Homer

Nearest airport to the internship location

Yes

Will your office be able to provide housing for your intern?

Housing Description:

Bunkhouse and remote cabin/bunkhouse

Required Training

Check all the apply to this position

★	IT Security Training, QuickTime, General USFWS Overview
★	Bear Safety – possibly, depending on location
★	Firearms – possibly, depending on location
★	Boat Safety and Operation – possibly, depending on location
	Aircraft Safety(required for travel in government float planes
	CPR and wilderness first aid
★	ATV Training – possibly, depending on location
	Site/Job Specific (please describe): EXAMPLES: Collecting seabird monitoring data (productivity, populations, survival and food habits) at a remote camp on an island of the Alaska Maritime NWR

Intern Position Description

Biological Science Technician (avian)

GS-04, 05, 06, 07

Position Title

GS or WG and what level?

DUTIES

Please note the duties the intern will be performing

As a **Biological Science Technician** (avian) you will:

- Assemble basic information on Avian populations and their habitat
- Capture and handle birds and wildlife using appropriate techniques for study, measurement or sampling
- Operate and maintain a variety of scientific field sampling equipment
- Work and travel safely and effectively in difficult and remote environmental conditions, possibly in bear country

EDUCATION LEVEL, SKILL, INTERESTS

Please note specific skills, competencies, interests, classes selected, or other qualifications that would be useful for an intern to have in order to make a significant contribution on this project.

This position requires **greater maturity** and **emotional resources** than positions that are solely office based. Field work is difficult with biting bugs and **strenuous working conditions** in remote environments with at least one other person. It is essential that the intern be **enthusiastic** and willing to **learn new skills** both scientific and outdoor oriented. The intern should also have exacting attention to detail for required data collection and management.

WORK CONDITIONS, CLOTHING GEAR

Describe the work conditions (hours, dress code, environment/setting) and appropriate clothing/gear that the prospective intern should be aware of

The intern will be expected to work 48 hours per week (40 hours of regular time and 8 hours of overtime), the office is casual and there is no uniform. The intern should bring field clothes that they are comfortable getting dirty. They should bring their own rain gear (jacket and pants). It is also recommended that the intern bring clothes, such that he/she can dress in layers. The temperature in Alaska from May to August ranges from 35 – 70 degrees (F) and weather can change dramatically within a day, with changes in altitude and across the state. Thus, the ability to add and remove clothes based on weather conditions is important. There are places to buy outdoor gear in Anchorage.

A complete list of equipment to bring is supplied to the successful candidate.

Cotton clothing is not recommended for field work, but is fine for Anchorage-based duties. Cotton gets wet and if it is next to the skin can rapidly remove warmth from the body. Synthetic fibers such as polypropylene, capilene, polar fleece, etc. are preferred. Wool is a good natural fiber as it keeps its “warmth” even when wet.

Also, the intern should bring, gloves, a warm hat, a baseball cap, sunglasses, hiking boots, comfortable loose clothing since the job entails being outside and strenuous hiking. Headlamp, flashlight or small battery operated reading light, and a calling card or cell phone.

FWS to Provide: Hip waders, mosquito jackets and headnets, any equipment needed in the field, such as backpacks, field vest, sleeping bags, cook stoves, binoculars etc.