

US Fish and Wildlife Service Internship Opportunity



- Location:** Monomoy National Wildlife Refuge, Chatham, MA
<http://www.fws.gov/northeast/monomoy/>
- Position Title:** Plover Intern (one position)
- Duties:** Duties include but are not limited to: assisting the Plover Technician; daily productivity monitoring of over 30 pairs of Piping Plovers from laying to fledging; monitoring nesting activities in several Least Tern colonies; posting nesting areas; erecting predator exclosures and electric fencing; lethal and non-lethal predator management (avian and mammalian); organized data keeping and entry; some light maintenance; and educating the public. The selected intern may have the opportunity to be involved in other Refuge activities including; monitoring productivity of Common and Roseate Terns, and American Oystercatchers; banding tern chicks; trapping and resighting adult terns; and tagging and surveying spawning horseshoe crabs. Responsibilities may vary due to the strengths of individuals.
- Qualifications:** Applicants must have the ability to perform the physical duties of the position including being able to hike long distances (extensive beach walking, average of 30 miles per work week) and being able to lift and carry at least 50 pounds. Applicants must be able to work with minimal supervision, be very independent and easy-going, and be able to work with the public of all ages in a professional manner. Previous experience with Piping Plovers, field work in a field camp setting, data collection, bird identification, and an academic background in wildlife biology, zoology, environmental science or a related field are preferred. **Applicants must have a valid driver's license, a social security number, and a bank account located in the United States.**
- Salary:** Stipend will be up to \$230/week based on yet-to-be-determined annual funding appropriations for 2011. **Interns will live in a remote field camp setting or at the historic lighthouse on South Monomoy during the work week and will have free dormitory style housing in Chatham, MA on their days off.** Schedules will be 40 hours per week, but will vary frequently in the length of day and start time. Days off may not be consecutive.
- Employment Details:** Internships are 4 to 6 months beginning between 4 April and 9 May (absolute latest start date). The position involves working long hours, nights, weekends, and holidays, and living in one of two field camps on the island with other refuge staff for at least 5 days at a time. **There is no heat, electricity, or running water in field camp. A background**

check will be required to gain necessary computer access at the Refuge.

How to Apply:

Send a letter of interest, resume, and contact information for 3 references (including emails) by email to: Kate_Iaquinto@fws.gov or by mail to Monomoy NWR, Attn: Kate Iaquinto, 30 Wikis Way, Chatham, MA 02633

Closing Date:

February 15, 2010, however, hiring WILL begin before the closing date, so applying earlier is strongly recommended.

Contact Person:

Kate Iaquinto, Wildlife Biologist
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