

US Fish and Wildlife Service Internship Opportunity



Location: **Monomoy National Wildlife Refuge, Chatham, MA**
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Monomoy National Wildlife Refuge (NWR) was established in 1944 to provide habitat for migratory birds and was designated a Wilderness Area in 1970, the only coastal wilderness in New England. Sand stretches for eight miles off the elbow of Cape Cod, forming the barrier islands of North and South Monomoy. The refuge provides important resting, nesting and feeding habitat for migratory birds, including one of the largest nesting colonies of common and roseate terns on the Atlantic seaboard with over 10,000 nesting pairs. More than ten species of seabirds, shorebirds, and waterbirds nest on the islands including ~45 pairs of the Federally protected piping plover.



Position Title: **Biological Intern (2-3 vacancies)**

Duties: Duties include but are not limited to: monitoring daily productivity from laying to fledging of common and roseate terns: conducting daily observational stints and weather observations: trapping and banding terns: lethal and non-lethal predator management (mammalian and avian): tagging horseshoe crabs: erecting piping plover predator exclosures: data entry: and general maintenance. Responsibilities may vary due to the strengths of individuals. Intern is required to live in a remote field camp with no electricity or running water for up to one full week at a time.

Qualifications: Applicants must have the ability to perform the physical duties of the position including being able to hike long distances (extensive beach walking) 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 regarding sensitive conservation issues. Previous experience with beach nesting birds, 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 \$285 per week for 14 weeks through the Student Conservation Association (SCA). This position includes free housing. **For approximately 12 weeks, interns will spend time alternating between two remote field camps on South Monomoy during the work week and will have free dormitory style housing at the Refuge headquarters in Chatham, MA on their days off.**

Employment Details: Internships are 14 weeks. Intern must be able to start between 1 May and 15 May (absolute latest start date). The position involves working long hours, nights, weekends, and holidays. Schedules may exceed 40 hours per week and will vary frequently in the length of day and start time. Days off may not be consecutive. Staff will live in field camp 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 at least 3 references (must include email and phone number for each reference listed) by email to: Kate_laquinto@fws.gov. DO NOT send applications by mail.

Closing Date: January 13, 2017, however, hiring WILL begin before the closing date, so applying earlier is strongly recommended.

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