

Salt Marsh Internship – FEB 22, 2019 DEADLINE

Rachel Carson National Wildlife Refuge provides an opportunity to build monitoring and management skills by working with a team of skilled field biologists. The work of the salt marsh intern will focus on tidal marsh surveys and monitoring (80%), with other duties as assigned including visitor services (10%), data entry (5%), and habitat management (5%).

One full-time intern is needed to support the Land Management and Research Demonstration (LMRD) projects on Rachel Carson National Wildlife Refuge. This 12-week position has a **negotiable preferred start date of 1 June 2019**. Living allowance \$250/week. Communal, co-ed government housing is available in Wells, Maine.

This position requires a strong interest in coastal ecology. Applicants should be able to identify plants and fish using prior knowledge/field guides. Candidates should also be able to conduct wildlife surveys/monitoring, and perform manual removal of invasive plants. The successful applicant will also have basic statistical, GPS and GIS knowledge.

Applicants must be able to work in small groups and independently with minimal supervision, be attentive to details, accurately complete datasheets, and communicate with senior staff members. This position requires the employee to conduct field work in varied conditions (harsh sunlight to light rain, firm to unstable footing, moist to hip deep water), carry moderate loads (30-50 lbs), use hand tools to dig/pull plants, and exposure to high humidity and biting insects. Applicants will be required to work some weekends and holidays. Applicant must also possess a valid driver's license.

To apply submit a single PDF document of the following required documents to Bri_Benvenuti@fws.gov. Cover letter, resume, and references should be named LastNameFirstname_RCNWRGeneralIntern.pdf and LastNameFirstname_Transcript

- Cover letter (not to exceed 2 pages) explaining your qualifications and interest in the position. Cover letter must address your abilities/prior experience in the following:
 - o Working in coastal ecosystem
 - o Ability to work independently and as a member of a team
 - o Conduct wildlife/vegetation surveys
 - o Ability to keep detailed, organized field notes and datasheets.
- Resume documenting your work experience, education, skills, interests, etc.
- Your email address and best telephone/cell phone number where you can be reached
- Copy of your college transcripts (unofficial or official)
- Name and contact information (phone and e-mail) for three references.