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Summer 2014 Internship Opportunities at the Stewart B. McKinney National Wildlife Refuge: Migratory Bird Interns

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The Stewart B. McKinney National Wildlife Refuge is looking for **Migratory Bird Interns** for the 2014 field season. These internships offer a great opportunity to gain valuable field experience working with seabirds on Falkner Island in Guilford, CT.

Duties include but are not limited to: monitoring productivity of roseate and common tern, banding tern chicks, finding nests in rocky areas, re-sighting fledglings and adults from field blinds, keeping accurate, organized, and detailed data/field notes, constructing productivity plots, doing light maintenance, participating in lethal and non-lethal predator management, operating small watercraft and associated vehicles, and educating the public. Responsibilities may vary due to the strengths of individuals.

Internships will begin on May 19th and continue until mid-August. The position involves working long hours, nights, weekends, and holidays. Schedules will be around 40 hours per week, but will vary frequently in the length of day and start time. Days off may not be consecutive. Staff will live in the research station on the island with other refuge staff for most of the field season. There is no heat or running water in the station, but there is solar electricity. Interns will have free dormitory style housing at Refuge headquarters in Westbrook, CT on their days off. Training will be provided including the DOI's Motorboat Operator Certification Course.

Previous experience banding birds is required. Applicants must have the ability to perform the physical duties of the position including being able to walk on uneven, rocky embankments with field equipment in all kinds of weather and in areas with poison ivy. Applicants must be able to work with minimal supervision, be very independent, easy-going, be able to work with the public of all ages in a professional manner, and possess a valid U.S. driver's license. Applicants must have their own vehicle. Additional experience with endangered/threatened species, beach nesting birds, field work in a field camp setting, data collection, bird identification, waterfowl hunting, and an academic background in wildlife biology, zoology, environmental science or a related field are preferred. A small living allowance of \$180.00/week will be provided.

Please send a cover letter, resume, and contact information for at least 3 references (must include email and phone number) by February 14, 2014 via email to: Kristina_Vagos@fws.gov. Please do not send applications by mail.

Last Date to Apply: February 14, 2014

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