

US Fish and Wildlife Service Internship Opportunity



- Location:** Monomoy National Wildlife Refuge, Chatham, MA
<http://www.fws.gov/northeast/monomoy/>
- Position Title:** Piping Plover Intern
- Duties:** Duties include but are not limited to: daily productivity monitoring of approximately 40 pairs of Piping Plovers from egg laying to chick 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 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 40 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 regarding sensitive conservation issues. 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 determined on a sliding scale with a maximum of \$215.60/week and includes free housing. No stipend is guaranteed. Pay will be based on yet-to-be-determined annual funding appropriations for 2012 and experience of the individual. **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 4 to 6 months beginning between 8 April and 20 May (absolute latest start date). The position involves working long hours, nights, weekends, and holidays. 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. Staff will live 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 at least 3 references (must include email and phone number) by email to: Kate_Iaquinto@fws.gov. Please do not send applications by mail.

Closing Date:

February 15, 2012, however hiring WILL begin well before the closing date, so applying earlier is strongly recommended.

Contact Person:

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