

US Fish and Wildlife Service Internship Opportunity



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Location: Monomoy National Wildlife Refuge, Chatham, MA

Position Title: Tern Technician



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 federally-designated Wilderness Area in Southern 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, with more than ten species of seabirds, shorebirds, and waterbirds nesting on the islands. The refuge also supports one of the largest nesting colonies of common and roseate terns with over 14,000 nesting pairs and approximately 35 pairs of the federally protected piping plover.

Duties: Duties include, but are not limited to: monitoring daily productivity of common and roseate terns; conducting daily provisioning stints and weather observations; predator management; monitoring American oystercatchers and piping plovers; data entry; and general maintenance. The technician will be responsible for training and overseeing the daily work of two interns.

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 up to 50 pounds. Applicants must be able to work independently with minimal supervision and be able to work with the public of all ages in a professional manner regarding sensitive conservation issues. Previous field experience with nesting terns and supervising seasonal staff or volunteers is required. Previous experience with 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.

Salary: Stipend will be \$500 per week and individuals will be hired through the [Northwoods Stewardship Center](#). This position includes free dorm style housing on the refuge when not in field camp.



Employment Details: Internships are 26 weeks and start mid-April. 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 up to 5 days at a time. There is no heat, electricity, or running water in field camp. Willingness to ride in motorboats in challenging marine conditions is required. A background check will be required.

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: Eileen_McGourty@fws.gov. Please be clear about which position you are applying for.

Closing Date: February 1, 2020, however, hiring may begin before the closing date, so applying earlier is strongly recommended.