



Bald Head Island Conservancy

Summer Coastal Environmental Science Internship

Description

The Bald Head Island Conservancy on Bald Head Island, NC, is seeking undergraduate juniors, seniors, or recent college graduates with fieldwork experience to join our nonprofit team dedicated to the conservation, education, and preservation of barrier islands. Duties are primarily assisting with coastal environmental monitoring and field-based research, but will also include environmental education and other responsibilities essential to the function of a nonprofit organization. Interns will live and work on an island only accessible by ferry.

Position Responsibilities

- Conduct field-based monitoring of barrier island ecosystems, including wildlife population surveys; water quality of beaches, creek, and aquifer; invasive species monitoring & treatment
- Assist with wildlife emergency response and maintenance of educational animal exhibits
- Interact with the public by assisting with education programs and answering questions as needed
- Assist with nonprofit-related duties such as information desk, development and marketing, hosting special events and visiting groups, Conservancy office
- Promote and practice stewardship of Conservancy's facilities, properties, and equipment
- Conduct an individual project to enhance our research mission

Qualifications/Attributes

- Junior, senior, or recent graduate from any college or university majoring in natural sciences
- Experience in environmental science or wildlife management
- Growth mindset and curiosity, ability to be self-directed, detail-oriented, and communicate well with coworkers and supervisors
- Experience with and commitment to living and working in a group setting in a remote location
- Ability to work in physically challenging environment including extreme temperatures and field conditions while keeping an upbeat personality
- Confidence speaking to the public and answering questions about our programs
- Computer proficiency with knowledge of MS Office and G Suite applications
- Must possess a valid Driver's License, be able to lift 40 lbs, and pass a background check

Details

The internship will run from **May 12 through August 15, 2025**. Average work week is 50 hrs, with 1 day off per week. Work hours will be focused in the morning and evening, depending on the fieldwork schedule. Weekend work is required. Interns live in provided on-campus housing. More details at <https://www.bhic.org/internships>.

Compensation

Interns will receive a stipend of \$600 per month (pre-tax). Also provided are shared living quarters in the BHI Conservancy dorm, utilities including wireless internet, parking for a vehicle at the Deep Point Marina, and a weekly ferry ticket for trips between the island and the mainland.

How to Apply

E-mail a cover letter, resume, and list of 3 references as **1 PDF** to Dr. Beth Darrow at intern@bhic.org. **In e-mail header, please write "Summer Environmental Science Internship."** Application deadline is **11:59 pm on Sunday, December 31, 2024**. Direct questions to Beth Darrow, Director of Science, at darrow@bhic.org.