



2019 Seasonal Research Assistant Position Narragansett Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve

About Us

The Narragansett Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve (NBNERR) is part of a network of 29 reserves within the National Estuarine Research Reserve System (NERRS), a partnership program between NOAA and the coastal states. This partnership protects more than 1.3 million acres of estuarine land and water for long-term research, education, and stewardship.

NBNERR is located in the geographic center of Narragansett Bay, RI, and includes four islands: Prudence, Patience, Hope and Dyer. The Reserve's headquarters are located on the south end of Prudence Island. Prudence Island is only accessible from the mainland by ferry or boat, and has limited commercial development.

Job Description

NBNERR is seeking energetic applicants for a paid summer research position to join a diverse team of environmental professionals. This is a full-time, 5-month position to begin in mid to late May 2019. NBNERR conducts research and monitoring in both estuarine and coastal terrestrial habitats on topics that include salt marsh restoration, water quality monitoring, invasive species monitoring, and fish and wildlife habitat use, with a particular focus on climate change. Although the duties of this position will vary, the primary responsibilities will be to assist with the Reserve's long-term water quality monitoring program, and with ongoing salt marsh and upland monitoring and restoration projects. As time permits, additional duties will include assisting with a diversity of other research, monitoring, and mapping programs in the Reserve. This position is based on Prudence Island; however, some work may be conducted in other parts of Narragansett Bay. The compensation package will be competitive and can include subsidized housing at the Reserve. This position reports to senior Reserve staff including the Marine Research Specialist II, Stewardship Coordinator, and Research Coordinator. The successful candidate will be employed by the *Audubon Society of Rhode Island through a partnership with the Reserve.

Qualifications

Applicants should have a minimum of a bachelor's degree in marine science, ecology, biology, or a related field. The ideal candidate will be highly motivated, self-starting, and have experience conducting both field studies and laboratory procedures.

Why should you apply

This position is designed to provide the successful candidate with a broad range of experiences in ecological monitoring. This in turn will lead to an enhanced skillset, increased knowledge base, and the ability to add valuable experience and accomplishments to your resume.

To Apply

Interested applicants should send an electronic resume, cover letter, and three references to Dr. Daisy Durant at daisy.durant@dem.ri.gov. Please feel free to contact us at 401-683-7368 if you have questions about the position.

Deadline

Application packages received by March 4th, 2019 will receive full consideration. Shortly after submission, you will receive confirmation of receipt of your application by email. You will be contacted directly if we would like to schedule an interview.