



2022 Seasonal Field and Lab Assistant Narragansett Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve

About Us

The Narragansett Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve (NBNERR) is part of a network of 30 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, stewardship and training.

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, seasonal position to join a diverse team of environmental professionals. This is a full-time, 6 month position beginning late May/ early June 2022. NBNERR conducts research, monitoring and stewardship in both estuarine and coastal terrestrial habitats on topics that include salt marsh restoration, water quality and invasive species monitoring, and upland habitat management, 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 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 watershed. The compensation package will be competitive. Housing in a shared 3-bedroom cottage is available at the Reserve on Prudence Island at no cost, as well as a monthly ferry ticket allowance. For staff living on the mainland and commuting daily to/from the Island, ferry tickets will be provided. This position reports to senior Reserve staff including the Marine Research Specialist II, Research Coordinator, and Stewardship Coordinator. The successful candidate will be employed by the *Audubon Society of Rhode Island through a partnership with the Reserve.

Qualifications

Applicants should be nearing completion of their undergraduate degree or completed a bachelor's degree in marine science, ecology, biology, or a related field. The ideal candidate will be highly motivated, self-starting, have experience conducting both field studies and laboratory procedures, be comfortable in outdoor settings required for environmental field work, and be willing and able to adhere to current COVID19 safety guidelines, such as wearing a mask, handwashing, and social distancing, among others.

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

Applicants interested in assisting NBNERR's staff accomplish its mission and goals should send an electronic resume, cover letter, and contact information of three references to Dr. Daisy Durant at daisy.durant@dem.ri.gov. Please feel free to contact us at 401-683-7368 with questions about this position.

Deadline

Application packages received by March 13th 2022, will receive full consideration.

A confirmation of receipt of the application will be sent by email. Emails and text messages will be sent to schedule interviews.