



Cornell University
Cooperative Extension
of Suffolk County



Peconic Estuary
PROGRAM

Position Title: Peconic Estuary Program Internship: Terrapin Monitoring
Location: Cornell Cooperative Extension of Suffolk County
423 Griffing Avenue Riverhead, NY 11901

Position Summary: The Peconic Estuary Program (PEP) is an innovative partnership of local, state, and federal governments, citizen and environmental groups, businesses and industries, and academic institutions charged with carrying out the goals of improved water quality and ecosystem health as outlined in PEP's Comprehensive Conservation Management Plan. The intern will be surveying multiple locations across Long Island's east end from May through August to determine terrapin nest presence or absence, evaluate the accessibility of the locations, and analyze data to determine ideal monitoring sites for 2020. The intern will be responsible for leading multiple volunteer terrapin monitoring events.

The position will be based out of East Hampton, NY and Yaphank, NY. The majority of the work will be outdoors during the day in potentially adverse weather conditions. Some in office work will be required with hour flexibility. This opportunity will be approximately 15-20 hours per week and will be offered from May through early August 2019; occasional weekends and orientation will be required. A reliable source of transportation is necessary. The ideal candidate will have some marine biology background, and can properly handle live animals. This is a non-paid internship.

Major Responsibilities:

- Visit project site in East Hampton, NY three days a week to look for evidence of terrapins and nesting females.
- Visit multiple sites across the east end of Long Island to survey terrapin populations and nests.
- Follow protocols to ensure accurate and reliable data records.
- Participate in leading public outreach events for terrapin monitoring.
- Data input and analysis to identify potential monitoring sites for 2020.

Skills:

- Ability to handle multiple tasks while maintaining a positive and professional attitude.
- Ability to have a flexible schedule based on demands of program and needs of staff.
- Willingness to participate as a team member and to interact with the general public.
- Ability to volunteer outdoors and perform physical tasks as needed.
- Willingness to travel to eastern Long Island.
- Ability to work independently and as part of a team.
- Willingness to work in adverse weather conditions.

Please send resume and cover letter to Lauren Scheer at ls893@cornell.edu by Monday, April 1st, 2019.



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