



## SUMMER INTERNSHIPS AT SCHOODIC INSTITUTE

We welcome student interns from colleges and universities to assist with multiple projects examining ecosystem change in Acadia National Park and the surrounding region. Our internships provide on-the-ground experience with science communication and research, with mentorship to further interns' growth as professionals.

**Timeline:** The internship duration is 8-12 weeks. The start date is May 30, 2023.

**Reports to:** Science Engagement Coordinator, with additional supervision from Schoodic Institute science staff.

**Funding:** Interns must work with their appropriate academic internship coordinator to secure funding. We do not support unpaid internships.

**Application Deadline:** Friday, February 24, 2023.

Schoodic Institute offers a unique setting to explore biodiversity in a changing environment and effects of a changing climate across, and between, dynamic ecosystems. We take an integrated approach to science. Education and communication are woven into our research and monitoring; our internships reflect this holistic approach to science. Interns develop and practice skills in field research, field identification, and scientific research design; foster learning through citizen science; and communicate science to varied audiences.

Interns are paired with a mentor based on intern interests and the current work of the mentor. While the work is integrated, interns are expected to focus on one of two core areas—science communication, or science research and monitoring.

### Summer Projects 2023:

*Science Research:* Schoodic is at the edge of where the forest meets the sea. Forest animals eat marine animals—but we do not know much about this movement of energy from one system to the other, and how it will change through time and space. This intern will work in the field collecting data on this cross-system subsidy. Field skills will be developed during the course of the-internship. This intern should feel comfortable walking 3-4 miles a day, navigating a large research site, and working alone in the woods.

*Science Communication:* Opportunity for an individual who works well independently to plan and create multimedia content based on the work of other interns and science staff for digital and print publications and social media. This is a flexible opportunity that can be tailored to specific interests and desired skills.

### Internship Details

Interns will spend much time working in the field, in all weather conditions, hiking through rough terrain, and carrying heavy backpacks. Interns will also spend time managing and analyzing their data. Co-workers in the outdoors include mosquitoes, black flies, occasional ticks, and dense brush. Interns may also spend time in labs, classrooms (indoor and outdoor), libraries, and archives.



These are entry-level positions with appropriate training provided for all primary responsibilities. The positions are full-time (40 hours/week) seasonal positions. Daily and weekly work schedules may fluctuate. Work days can be up to 14 hours long. In some instances, such as intertidal work during low tide, work days may be split into morning and evening work. At times work will begin at dawn and go through dusk. Work hours will include some weekends.

Qualified applicants need to be able to work in challenging outdoor conditions, learn on the go, work in small teams, and efficiently collect field data. In addition, applicants must have a valid driver's license.

Contact Hannah Webber, [hwebber@schoodicinstitute.org](mailto:hwebber@schoodicinstitute.org) with questions about the science research project; and Catherine Schmitt, [cschmitt@schoodicinstitute.org](mailto:cschmitt@schoodicinstitute.org) with questions about science communication projects.

**Location:**

The primary work location is Winter Harbor, Maine on the Schoodic Peninsula. Field work will occur throughout Acadia National Park and surrounding locations within a 1-3 hour drive. At times camping may be required to complete field work off of the Schoodic Peninsula.

Residence is required and provided on the Schoodic Institute campus. The housing will be a shared bedroom as part of a shared apartment.

Note that the nearest city with full services, Ellsworth, is a 45-minute drive away. Although not required, personal transportation is highly recommended.

**About Schoodic Institute:**

Established in 2004, [Schoodic Institute](http://SchoodicInstitute.org) at Acadia National Park is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization and Acadia National Park's primary partner in science and education. Based at the largest of 17 National Park Service Research Learning Centers in Winter Harbor, Maine, in Wabanaki homeland, Schoodic Institute's focus is understanding environmental change taking place in Acadia and beyond, and helping managers of parks and other protected areas respond and adapt to change while engaging people of all ages in science. Schoodic Institute is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

Schoodic Institute is committed to increasing diversity in environmental science, education, and conservation. We are highly collaborative, inclusive, and committed to a team environment that is safe and free from bullying, harassment, and discrimination. Team members are encouraged to share ideas, enthusiasm, and knowledge with each other. Rapid environmental change demands a more diverse and skilled next generation of conservation champions and we are committed to this workforce development.

**To apply:**

Send a cover letter, resume, and contact information for two references as a single pdf. In addition please include unofficial transcripts. Send all materials to [search@schoodicinstitute.org](mailto:search@schoodicinstitute.org). Subject line: Schoodic Summer Internship

**COVID-19 statement:** The job duties may be adjusted to accommodate COVID-19-specific safe working practices.



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