

Town of Gouldsboro

Shellfish Resilience Project

Shellfish Resilience Research Intern

Summer, 2023

The town of Gouldsboro seeks applications for a Summer 2023 internship as a research intern in the town's Shellfish Resilience Lab. The Lab develops and tests community-scale approaches to growing and overwintering soft-shell clams used to re-seed and restore clam flats. This year the Lab's focus will be on:

- Increasing the growth rate for clams in our indoor facilities
- Data collection and experiments to reduce clam mortality due to predation in our outdoor nurseries

This year's work builds on last year's work and findings. Our goal is to provide Gouldsboro and other communities with data that will help in making clam management decisions. This work is possible through support from [Schoodic Institute at Acadia National Park](#), the [Maine Shellfish Resilience and Restoration Fund](#), and other donors.

Working with Shellfish Warden Mike Pinkham and Project Manager Bill Zoellick, the intern will assist in maintaining the indoor and outdoor systems and collecting and analyzing data. We also expect the intern to publish short articles summarizing findings on the www.gouldsboroshore.me website. We are seeking an intern to assist with day-to-day work in the Lab who can take ownership of a part of the analysis that they can present at the end of the internship.

The project can use the skills, talents, and interests of interns with various backgrounds and training since it involves both shellfish aquaculture and statistics. Applicants with backgrounds in ecology, biology, or statistics should consider applying. However, cutting across these differences in skills and training, we are looking for a college-level intern who is comfortable with hands-on, "get wet" science and descriptive statistics. Applicants must have the leg strength and stamina necessary for working on mudflats.

Salary:	\$15.00/hr., 40 hours per week
Duration:	10 weeks from June-August. Exact start date is negotiable – earlier is better.
Housing:	A shared apartment at Schoodic Institute with other interns
Applications due:	We will use a rolling application process, accepting applications immediately and continuing to accept them until we have filled the position.

For more information about the Shellfish Resilience Lab and the motivation for this research, see our website at www.gouldsboroshore.me or email info@gouldsboroshore.me. Applicants should send a resume, a list of people who can serve as references, and a letter describing their background and potential contribution to the project to search@gouldsboroshore.me.

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