



# HUYCK PRESERVE AND BIOLOGICAL RESEARCH STATION

## CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

### SENIOR RESEARCH FELLOW

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Founded in 1931, the Huyck Preserve and Biological Research Station accomplishes its unique mission of increasing the general knowledge and love of nature through four key areas: conservation, scientific research, education, and recreation. The Huyck Preserve encompasses 2,000+ acres in Rensselaerville, New York, southwest of Albany and is a land trust accredited through the Land Trust Accreditation Commission. The Preserve is also one of the oldest independent biological field stations, with its research program dating to 1938. Today, the Huyck Preserve has a vibrant research program with researchers receiving small grants and visiting annually from across the country and internationally. It is also an active member in the Capital Region Partnership for Invasive Species Management (PRISM) and the Environmental Management and Monitoring Alliance (EMMA) whose mission it is to inform conservation through scientific research and ecological monitoring. The Preserve has a long history of connecting its education and research programs, and offers an undergraduate summer internship program to expose students to independent ecological research. Interns often go on to pursue graduate studies in the field and earn recognition through prestigious national awards.

The Huyck Preserve is seeking to fill the **Senior Research Fellow** (SRF) position for 2024.

**Responsibilities:** The responsibilities of the SRF position focus on supporting the Huyck Preserve's summer research program and specifically include the following:

- Conducting an independent research project appropriate to the Preserve's mission and its history of field studies (e.g. research in ecology, evolution, terrestrial and aquatic ecosystems, population dynamics, and animal behavior)
- Mentoring up to four college interns in the Huyck Preserve's Odum Internship program – overseeing the selection of independent research topics, the design of the field research projects, the implementation of the studies, the analysis of results, and the presentation of results in a public talk and written reports. Generally being the main point of contact with the interns at the Preserve
- Representing the research mission of the Preserve at the Preserve's summer research events including the Annual Science Symposium and weekly Thursday Night Lectures

- Providing a guest lecture and field/laboratory demonstration for the Preserve's high school summer program, *Wildlife Ecology Research*, and supporting the Odum Interns as they mentor the high school students in their own small group research projects
- Participating in public outreach while in residence such as giving a presentation at our Annual Membership meeting, leading a guided hike, and/or providing an article for our bi-annual newsletter

This is an excellent opportunity to initiate new research (or continue existing research) as well as support the next generation of researchers via the internship program. The Huyck Preserve has an energetic research program with visiting scientists, graduate students, citizen science experiences, and educational programs for students of all ages.

**Duration:** This is a nine-week position beginning on approximately June 10, 2024 and ending on approximately August 10, 2024. The successful SRF may apply to continue as SRF for a second year if desired. The SRF is expected to be on-site full-time Monday through Friday for the duration of the position. Some night and weekend work will be required.

**Compensation:** This is a summer staff position with a salary of \$10,000 for nine weeks. On-site shared housing (with a private room) is available and included in the position. Living on-site is not required, but the SRF must be available to interns outside of regular business hours and must be able to fulfill the schedule described above.

**Qualifications:** The SRF must hold a Ph.D. in the natural sciences and may be at any stage in their career. A strong teaching and field research background is required. Successful applicants will have excellent interpersonal and communication (written and verbal) skills and will enjoy working and living in a group setting.

**Additional Requirement:** All staff must adhere to current Huyck Preserve's COVID-19 protocols and be fully vaccinated against Covid-19 (accommodations may be made based on medical or religious needs).

#### **Procedures for Applying:**

- Submit a cover letter and resume to Anne Rhoads, Ph.D., Executive Director, at [anne@huyckpreserve.org](mailto:anne@huyckpreserve.org).
- Submit a research proposal for a project you would like to undertake at the Huyck Preserve. This proposal must be approved by the Huyck Preserve's Scientific Advisory Board.
- Submit two professional letters of reference. Letters should be emailed by references directly to Anne Rhoads at the above address.
- **Applications accepted until November 15, 2023 or until filled**

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