HUYCK PRESERVE
AND BIOLOGICAL RESEARCH STATION

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

SUMMER 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 an active member in the Capital Region Partnership for Invasive Species Management (PRISM) and the Environmental Management and Monitoring Alliance (EMMA). The Preserve has a long history of connecting its education and research programs, and under the leadership of the Summer Research Fellow, 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 **Summer Research Fellow** (SRF) position for 2027.

Required Duties: The responsibilities of the SRF position focus on supporting the Huyck Preserve's undergraduate Odum Internship program and specifically include the following:

- 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, and generally being the main point of contact with the interns at the Preserve.
- 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 and helping coordinate community lectures, leading a guided hike, and/or providing an article for our bi-annual newsletter

Other opportunity – preferred but not required

- Conducting or beginning to explore 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)

Although the focus of this opportunity is to support the next generation of researchers via the internship program, this is also an excellent opportunity to pilot a new research project (or continue existing research). 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 six-week position beginning on approximately June 26, 2027 and ending on approximately August 6, 2027. The successful SRF may apply to return as SRF in a future year. The SRF is expected to be primarily on-site full-time Monday through Friday for the duration of the position. Availability for some night and weekend events is preferred.

Compensation: This is a summer staff position with a salary of $10,000 for six weeks. On-site shared housing (with a private room) is available and included in the position.

Qualifications: Summer Research Fellows are typically Ph.D.-level scientists. Candidates with significant teaching and research experience and who hold a Master's degree or who are currently Ph.D. candidates will also be considered. 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.

Procedures for Applying:

- Submit a cover letter and resume to Anne Rhoads, Ph.D., Executive Director, at anne@huyckpreserve.org.
- Preferred but not required - submit a brief summary of research you may explore while in residence at the Huyck Preserve if you plan to pursue your own research project. 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 by the application deadline.
- **Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis and will be accepted until December 4, 2026 or earlier if filled.**

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