

Application for 2008 Field Season Volunteers and Interns

OFFICE USE ONLY

Step 1:

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Email Address: _____

Phone number(s). Include times available

Daytime: _____

Evening: _____

Cell: _____

Step 2:

Given the remote location of our field sites, the scenarios listed below pose extreme difficulties for our program. If you answer **yes** to any of the items below, this program may **not** be for you.

YES NO

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | I have an existing health problem that would require immediate attention or pose a life threatening risk if exacerbated. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | I suffer from moderate to severe arthritis. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | I have a non-correctable visual deficit or have difficulty seeing clearly through binoculars or a spotting scope. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | I have complex dietary restrictions or allergies. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | I have difficulty sitting in one place for extended periods of time (observation periods are usually three-hours long at least twice per day in a cramped wood blind.) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Irregular terrain (hiking over boulder fields carrying gear) poses problems for my ankles or knees. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | I prefer not to work in damp, wet or foggy weather. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Motion sickness effects linger more than one day. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | I suffer from claustrophobia (fear or morbid dread of confined spaces). |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | I must have freedom and space to roam to comfortably coexist in a cramped environment with a |

small group of co-workers.

- Existing family or household issues may require my premature departure from the field site or frequent contact with persons on the mainland.
- I prefer not to work higher than ground level.
- I require space to run for exercise. (Islands range in size from 3 to 65 acres; however, much of this area is restricted to nesting seabirds. (Optional modes of exercise include jumping rope; hula hooping; weight lifting and rowing).
- I strongly disagree with the idea of lethal gull control. (Lethal control may be used as a last resort to protect the seabird colony. Supervisors are required to participate.)
- Do you have excellent verbal and written English skills?
- I can provide my own tent, sleeping bag, and/or binoculars (*please circle items you will provide*).

Step 3:

A limited number of stipend (paid) positions are available and the remaining positions are filled with volunteers from the categories listed below. Stipends are available only for full-season positions.

- I am applying for the following position(s):
- Stipend Complete section 3-A.
 - Volunteer Complete section 3-B.
 - Aviculturist Complete section 3-C.

Please refer to the Positions Descriptions on our web site <<http://www.projectpuffin.org>> for more details.

3-A. STIPEND (Student) Positions:

Are you legally eligible to work in the U.S.? **Yes** **No**

Pursuant to the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986, all applicants who are offered employment must produce documents establishing their identity and authorization for employment in the United States. These documents must be produced no later than seventy-two (72) hours after employment commences. In addition, all new hires will be required to verify their employment authorization under oath by signing INS Form I-9.

I am applying for the following positions:

- Island Supervisor** Must be available from approx. early May to approx. Aug 15 **or** June 1 to approx. Aug 15. Number of available positions is dependent upon the number of returning Supervisors.
- Research Assistant – Student Intern receiving a stipend** Must be available from June 1 to approx. 15 Aug.
- Education Intern** Should be a student with a strong interest and/or experience in environmental education. Applicant must not easily get sea sick. Two positions available.

I am available: June 1 to Aug 30 June 1 to Oct 31

3-B. VOLUNTEER Research Assistant Positions:

ALL Volunteer applicants must be available **for at least 16 days**, 14 of which will be spent on an island.

May 1 through June 6 period (One to two positions available)
June 15 through July 31 period (Approx. 10 positions available)

Indicate specific dates(or date ranges you are available _____).

- Check if these dates are flexible

Logistics and transportation availability affect scheduling and is used as a guide for filling openings.

Preference given to persons available for the full season (June 1 – Aug 15). Number of available positions varies each season based on research requirements.

- I wish to contribute \$1,500 to cover food and travel expenses. (Do not include with application)
- I am enrolled in a graduate or undergraduate program

3-C. AVICULTURIST VOLUNTEER Research Assistant Positions:

Must be employed at or a certified volunteer at an aquarium or zoo. Sponsoring institution is asked to contribute \$250 toward food expenses.

Institution Name: _____

Please indicate specific dates or date ranges you are available: _____.

Step 4:

I understand the following about the position(s) for which I am applying:

NO YES

- Work Description and Schedule:** I am expected to participate in all Program activities as scheduled. The daily schedule is determined by each Island Supervisor based on research needs. Activities include: morning (0600 hrs) bird counts; at least two 3-hour sessions of observations/data recording from observation blinds each day (or as scheduled); laptop computer data entry; camp chores and other duties that may be deemed necessary by the site supervisor. Hands-on work in the seabird colonies may include banding, blood collection, weighing and measuring depending on the specific site research plan. In consideration of the welfare of the birds, Island Supervisors may place restrictions on my participation if my level of dexterity in handling birds or eggs or my ability to maneuver safely through the colony has a negative impact on the birds. In some locations, vegetation and trail management are required. Seabird activity occurs 7 days a week and the work schedule is based on their activities and the weather.
- Personal Time:** Personal time on the mainland for Research Assistants scheduled to rotate between islands may be limited due to logistics or scheduling limitations. Two-week volunteers remain on their assigned island for 14 consecutive days. Supervisors are assigned to one island for the season with no scheduled breaks. The amount of "free time" while on the island varies. It may be scheduled by the Supervisor or contingent on and weather and research demands.
- Work Site:** I will be living and working on an island with a small group of people (2 to 7 depending on the site) and understand that communication, cooperation, completion of assigned tasks and interaction with members of the team are necessary.
- Communications:** I will be residing on islands in field camps where communication options are limited. Seabird Restoration Program cell phones are restricted to business use only. I may bring a cell phone for personal use. Some cellular companies (e.g. T-Mobile) do not service the Mid-Coast Maine area.

Early Termination: National Audubon's Seabird Restoration Program reserves the right to terminate our contract early if I fail to fully participate in activities or if personnel issues negatively impact the research activities or "island community." Otherwise, I agree to arrive and depart on dates indicated in our contract. This applies to volunteers and stipend employees.

Substance Abuse: I understand the drug use or alcohol abuse is prohibited during my contract period and failure to comply will result in early termination of our contract. This applies to volunteers, stipend and regular employees.

Step 5:

Please provide the **names, addresses and telephone numbers and email addresses** for three individuals we may contact for a reference. Please indicate whether they are personal or employment contacts.

	Personal	Employer
1. _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Email: _____		
2. _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Email: _____		
3. _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Email: _____		

Step 6:

Complete the following:

Please tell us about yourself. (Supervisor and Student Intern applicants must attach a resume and include a summary below.)

Why do you want to participate?

Describe your previous field research experience. If none, please describe other experience(s) you feel required similar skills or aptitude.

List skills or experience that will enhance our program. (e.g. boating, birding, carpentry, etc.)

Step 7:

Email to rborzik@audubon.org

Or, mail to :
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