

Volunteer Research Intern “VRI”

Hurricane Island

Organization Description: The Hurricane Island Center for Science and Leadership is a transformative learning community on Hurricane Island in Penobscot Bay, Maine. Our mission is to integrate science education, applied research, and leadership development through year-round educational programs and a seasonal, environmentally sustainable island community. Through experiential education programs and research opportunities in STEM disciplines we encourage all participants to develop an ethic of environmental awareness and to discover what it takes to make a difference in the world – as students, scientists, citizens, and leaders.

Internship Description: The Hurricane Island Volunteer Research Intern (VRI) will work closely with the Director of Research and the Aquaculture Manager to help implement Hurricane Island's research efforts. The VRI must be outgoing, adventurous, collaborative, creative, well-organized, and is expected to be integrated into the day-to-day operations of the Island and help Hurricane Island maintain our collaborative and intentional community. The majority of the VRI's work takes place on Hurricane Island with some mainland-based travel to conduct research. If interested, the RI can be guided to develop their own independent research project.

Housing and Meals: Housing, meals, and transportation to and from the island are provided to the VRI for the entirety of their experience.

Essential functions include:

- Support the Hurricane Island aquaculture operations and research efforts
- Work with Hurricane Island Educators to engage on-island students in research work and in program delivery
- • On a bi-weekly basis, submit blog updates and other social media material (e.g. photos, Facebook posts, etc.) about research efforts and activities
- Retrieving, cleaning, and re-deploying aquaculture gear
- Sorting, cleaning, measuring, and redistributing scallops
- Retrieving spat bags and sorting baby scallops, cleaning bags and lines, and organizing data
- Participate in both mainland-based and Island-based field and lab research efforts
- Engage positively with the Hurricane Island community
- Assist staff with following and enforcing campus policies and community standards, especially, but not limited to COVID safety protocols
- Welcome visitors to the Island and be willing to communicate about Hurricane Island and our mission
- Perform other duties relating to the organization's goals and mission as required, including participating as a full member of Hurricane Island's intentional community.

To apply: <https://www.hurricaneisland.net/employment>