

Purple Martin Conservation Association Internship Application



The Purple Martin Conservation Association (PMCA) is a nonprofit organization located at the Tom Ridge Environmental Center in Erie, PA. The mission of the PMCA is to promote the conservation of Purple Martins through scientific research, state-of-the-art wildlife management techniques, and public education. To learn more about the PMCA, visit www.purplemartin.org.

The purpose of this internship is to provide the intern with various experiences related to the conservation of a native songbird species, the Purple Martin, through involvement in scientific research, practical aspects of management, and in public education.

The intern will learn how to execute, with supervision, the activities of wildlife ecologists focusing attention on all aspects of Purple Martin biology. Such activities may include, but are not limited to the following:

- Learn the behavior and life history of this unique bird
- Assist staff with banding birds and the recording of banding data
- Assist staff with collecting blood samples for genetic testing
- Conduct nest checks throughout the nesting season
- Assist with or conduct educational programs at local schools and to the public
- Take an active role within the organization

Summer interns are needed from mid-May through late August. Funding may be available for payment of interns, inquire to learn more. A summer intern should be able to work normal business hours Monday through Friday and be able to travel to our office located at the Tom Ridge Environmental Center at the foot of Presque Isle State Park in Erie, PA. Interns will submit a written report of their experiences relating to their internship at its closure. For questions, please contact Joe at joe@purplemartin.org or 814-833-7656.

Please apply by April 1.

Complete Form and Return to:

Purple Martin Conservation Association
Tom Ridge Environmental Center
301 Peninsula Dr., Suite 6
Erie, PA 16505
Attn: Joe Siegrist

Please answer the following questions

Name (Please Print) _____ Date _____

Address/Town/Zip _____

Phone (Home) _____ (Work/Cell) _____

Email Address _____

School _____

School Address _____

Major _____

What year are you (Jr., Sr., etc.)? _____

Please fill out the following questions if pursuing college credits

Internship Director Name _____

Internship Director Phone _____

Internship Director Email _____

Number of approved credit hours _____

Additional Questions (Attach replies if additional space needed.)

How many hours a week are you able to volunteer/work?

What are your career goals and interests?

Do you have any prior experience in biology and/or education outside of class?

What strengths might you offer the PMCA?

What are your hobbies and personal interests?

Do you have a driver's license? _____ Do you have a car? _____ (Not Required)

Do you own a spotting scope and tripod? _____ (Not Required)

Additional Comments: