

State University of New York College of Environmental Science and Forestry Cranberry Lake Biological Station

## **Scientific Illustrator Internship**

Application Opens: December 1st

Application Deadline: February 15th

#### About the Cranberry Lake Biological Station

The Cranberry Lake Biological Station (CLBS) is located in the heart of the Adirondack Park, on the lands of the Mohawk Nation of the Haudenosaunee Confederacy. The biological station is a regional campus of the State University of New York College of Environmental Science and Forestry (SUNY ESF), in Syracuse, NY.

For over 100 years CLBS has served as a source of ecological knowledge and inspiration. Generations of students have learned from the land, explored their interests, and built lasting bonds with other students. CLBS is a place where student aspirations take root and career paths are launched. It is also a hub of research with over 115 peer reviewed publications crediting CLBS. Building on this tradition our mission is to provide learners with exceptional field experiences, further ecological understanding of the Adirondacks, engage with the broader scientific community, ensure diverse communities are supported in field studies, and to engage with local communities.

#### **About the Fellowship**

The internship is up to 12 weeks (up to 8 weeks in residence and 4 weeks remote) and meant to engage a broader group of individuals in the ecological research conducted at CLBS. Collaborations between artists and scientists are increasing the quality of public engagement and the accessibility of the research being conducted. The cross-pollination of thoughts and ideas that comes from the incorporation of different academic and personal backgrounds can often lead to synergistic outcomes. This can lead to better research, more informed artistic representations, and increased community engagement.

The faculty and staff at CLBS are excited to provide scientific guidance and education to the interns. Each of the proposed projects below will have a faculty mentor who will help to advise and guide the intern throughout the summer, both in person and remotely. Interns will also have the opportunity to engage in a variety of courses offered at the station to inform their projects and to generally increase their knowledge of the area's flora and fauna. Since the internship is geared toward providing illustrators with a deeper scientific understanding, a strong illustration background is desired prior to the internship.

- Eligibility: The fellowship is open to all individuals over 18.
- **Dates:** up to 12 weeks (up to 8 weeks in residence and 4 weeks remote) with a flexible start date in mid-late June.
- **Expectations:** It is expected that the intern will work with faculty to develop various illustrations for a mushroom field guide of the Adirondack regions:
  - Line art and full illustrations of at least 50 mushroom species.
  - Collaboration on didactic materials for mushroom education using

illustrations

- Editorial design and composition of guide
  - Intern will not be responsible for generating text for the manuals
- **Compensation:** This internship will cover the cost of room and board for the duration of your stay (the equivalent of \$3,800) and a \$375/week honorarium for up to 12 weeks, and up to \$1,000 for a travel allowance
- **Application Process:** Application details are below, if your application is selected you may be asked to meet for a brief conversation via zoom with the selection committee.

## **Application Details**

The application is hosted through an online form. The required information for the application is provided below. You are unable to save your application, so please be prepared to submit all the information at one time.

- 1. Cover letter identifying your educational background, relevant experiences, which of the two projects you are interested in, and why this internship is a good fit for you.
- 2. A single pdf file of your portfolio
- 3. Your curriculum vitae/resumé

## Evaluation

Applications will be reviewed by a selection committee made up the Cranberry Lake Advisory Board, and the advising faculty.

# Notification

Writers will be notified in mid-March whether they have been offered an internship. All applicants will be notified about the final status of their application.

For questions, please reach out to Terrance Caviness at <u>tcaviness@esf.edu</u>.