



Mohonk Preserve
...saving the land for life

Mohonk Preserve 2017 Schaefer Research Internship

This summer help protect a National Landmark Landscape. Intern at Mohonk Preserve!

Mohonk Preserve helps to protect the Shawangunk Mountain region and inspires people to care for, enjoy, and explore their natural world. The Preserve manages over 8,500 acres of the northern Shawangunk Mountains in Ulster County, NY through four integrated programs – Conservation Science, Education, Land Stewardship, and Land Protection, and is a regional model for large-scale conservation planning. Our Daniel Smiley Research Center, located near Mohonk Lake (where Conservation Science operations are centered), provides a great work environment!

Conservation Science staff carry on a broad program of ecosystem research projects including long-term studies on topics such as:

- climate
- water quality and limnology
- natural history observations
- phenology



2016 Schaefer Interns Allison Laubach and David Chernack

The **2017 Schaefer Research Internship** at the Daniel Smiley Research Center provides an opportunity to work with Preserve research staff, world-class scientists, and land managers on:

- forest, meadow, stream, and lake habitat use
- long-term changes in natural history of the region
- recreational impact assessment
- detailed data collection & management

The selected intern will develop an individualized research project, complete a written report, and present their findings in an oral presentation at the end of the summer.

Application Process

Who may apply: Students currently in their Freshman or Sophomore year of college (or equivalent credit hours), and who are majoring in biology, ecology, geology, environmental studies/science, or related natural science majors. Ability to hike a minimum of 7 miles and provide personal gear for the day (rain gear, appropriate clothing, hiking boots). Mohonk Preserve encourages applications from women, minorities and/or other underrepresented groups. Interns who excel may be invited to return a second year. EEO

How to apply: Submit the following as a single pdf by email to Dr. Elizabeth Long, Director of Conservation Science at elong@mohonkpreserve.org:

1. Your current resume
2. A cover letter which clearly states your reasons for pursuing this internship and what you hope to gain as part of your career goals
3. Your current transcript (unofficial is OK)

In addition, please arrange to have two letters of recommendation emailed to elong@mohonkpreserve.org by the application deadline. Only on-time, complete applications, which includes reference letters, will be considered.

Duration: 10 weeks (summer season; flexible)

Location: Mohonk Preserve's Daniel Smiley Research Center

Compensation: \$3,750; housing and travel assistance may be available; Preserve membership for duration of the internship

Application Deadline: February 15, 2017

Dr. Vincent and Lois Schaefer established this internship "to introduce students to the fascination and almost infinite variety of the natural world by providing the setting, exposure to dedicated scientists, and opportunity to sample a wide variety of nature study."