

# 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](http://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

We ask that students visit our informative intern page online ([www.purplemartin.org/intern/intern.htm](http://www.purplemartin.org/intern/intern.htm)) to learn about specific internship options and to apply using the electronic form. Please apply by April 1, 2008.

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 Emily at [emily@purplemartin.org](mailto:emily@purplemartin.org) or 814-833-7656.

**Complete Form and Return to:**

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

**Or:**

[emily@purplemartin.org](mailto:emily@purplemartin.org)

**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**

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: