

## **ROCKEFELLER WILDLIFE REFUGE HABITAT MANAGEMENT & RESEARCH PROGRAM- INTERNSHIP**

**Location:** Rockefeller Wildlife Refuge, Grand Chenier, Louisiana

**Position Reference Number:** (please list this number in the job description in your application): 513-00005

**Background:** Rockefeller Wildlife Refuge (RWR) is a 71,000-acre refuge, which borders 26.5 miles of the Gulf of Mexico and extends inland toward the Grand Chenier ridge. Rockefeller has been actively managed by the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF) for more than 100 years with the primary goal to provide a refuge and preserve for all wildlife and fisheries species. Today, the refuge uses management activities to promote appropriate habitat and conditions for waterfowl species, establish/maintain historic flora and fauna of RWR, and maintain the hydrology of the Mermentau River Basin. These management activities often benefit other marsh inhabitants including shorebirds, wading birds, alligators, furbearers, and estuarine organisms (i.e., fish, shrimp, and crabs).

**Project Scope:** The mourning dove banding intern will be responsible for capturing and banding mourning doves at Rockefeller Wildlife Refuge and the surrounding area. Intern will be responsible for various activities such as: determining potential mourning dove banding sites, securing permission to band doves on private property, maintenance of equipment, running trap sites morning and evening, ageing/sexing doves, banding doves, entering dove banding data, and maintaining detailed banding records. Although the primary responsibility will be to capture and band mourning doves, interns may have the opportunity to assist with various ongoing natural resource research projects.

The student intern must be willing to work occasional long hours in extreme heat and humidity and be able to tolerate mosquitoes and other biting insects while working in the field. When performing mourning dove banding duties, the intern will work various days of the week (may include weekends) and a portion of the work period will include evenings. Work schedule may vary from week to week and is limited to 40 hours per week. The work can be physically demanding and may involve heavy lifting (up to 50 pounds). Successful applicants may also be expected to write a brief summary report of banding activities at the end of the banding season.

**Timing:** May 2022 – August 2022 (Starting/Ending Date TBD upon successful applicant)

**Housing:** Housing Provided at the Rockefeller Wildlife Refuge, Grand Chenier, Louisiana

**Compensation:** College credit will be contingent upon approval of the applicant's university. Financial compensation will be a rate of \$12/hr.

**Application deadline:** April 20, 2022