



## **THE SOUTHEASTERN NEW ENGLAND EDUCATIONAL AND CHARITABLE FOUNDATION**

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PROVIDENCE COLLEGE SUMMER INTERNSHIP FELLOWSHIPS - 2026

### **Announcement:**

The Southeastern New England Education & Charitable (SNEC) Foundation in collaboration with Providence College, Department of Biology is pleased to announce a call for applications for Southern New England Education & Charitable Foundation Summer Internship Fellowships. These fellowships are designed to support Providence College Environmental Biology/Biology Students to enhance their education experience through funding typically unpaid summer internships and/or qualified volunteer positions. These awards will support three students in the summer of 2026 so that they are able to take advantage of the many environmentally focused opportunities that are often underfunded.

### **Each fellowship will provide:**

\$5,600.00 student stipend:

- Stipends can be used to support housing, food, and transportation costs associated with the internship.

### **Eligibility:**

To be eligible, a student must be a Providence College Environmental Biology/Biology major, be in good standing with the department, and secure a relevant volunteer/unpaid position by March 20, 2026. The student must also secure an on-campus faculty mentor who will oversee the application process (see below) and the internship placement. In addition, a site supervisor is also required who oversees the students' work at the site.



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**Application:**

**Applications are due February 13, 2026, and must include:**

- Application page (see below)
- Description of the proposed internship or volunteer position (written by the student in consultation with the faculty mentor; limit 2 pages).
  - Proposed internship must be with private, public, or government organizations whose work is directly relevant to and supports the field of Environmental Conservation.
  - The proposed internship must be either within or directly relevant to the geographical areas of Rhode Island and New London County, Connecticut.
    - If student for some reason does not get the proposed internship, they may use the funds for another internship opportunity, as long as the new internship is approved by the faculty mentor and secured before the deadline date of: **March 20, 2026.**
- Academic and Career Plans Statement (written by the student; limit 1 page) - The narrative should describe the student's academic and career plans and how the SNEC Foundation Summer Internship Fellowship would help the student to achieve their goals.
- Academic Transcript – An unofficial copy of the student's Providence College transcript.
- Letter of Support from Faculty Mentor (limit 2 pages) – This letter should contain an assessment of the student's suitability for the proposed internship position project.



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A signed copy of the completed application should be submitted via email to the Department of Biology ([ewanchuk@providence.edu](mailto:ewanchuk@providence.edu)) on or before **February 13, 2026**. The review of applications will commence shortly after the deadline date so that the fellowship winners will be announced in March.

Applications will be reviewed by the department and then forwarded to SNEC for approval.

**Reporting Requirements:**

Interns must complete a concise but comprehensive report to the Foundation at the project's completion (250 word minimum), and give an informal presentation (5 – 10 min) in Foundations of Environmental Biology (BIO 202) the semester following the internship. Mid-project progress reports, where applicable, are encouraged. Invitations for Foundation representatives to observe relevant project events are also encouraged.

**Evaluation Criteria:**

Student Criteria:

1. Overall academic performance (provide copy of unofficial transcript) (10 points)
2. Internship proposal (type, quality, etc. 10 points)
3. Student preparation and career plans (10 points)
4. Recommendation from faculty mentor (10 points)



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### PERSONAL INFORMATION

Student's Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Permanent Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

U. S. Citizenship? \_\_\_\_\_ Veteran / Child of Veteran? (specify if yes): \_\_\_\_\_

### ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY VERIFICATION

Applicant enrolled in which of the following levels:

Sophomore: \_\_\_\_\_

Junior: \_\_\_\_\_

Senior: \_\_\_\_\_

### Eligible Academic Programs

Applicants must be declared in one of the following majors (or equivalent):

Environmental Biology: \_\_\_\_\_

Biology: \_\_\_\_\_

### Academic Information

Applicant's GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

Professor's Assessment of Performance in Major Area: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Major GPA or "Exceptional, Above Average, In Good Standing". Faculty may attach comments)

Faculty Mentor: \_\_\_\_\_  
(print name / signature) \_\_\_\_\_ (date) \_\_\_\_\_



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**Applicant understands that:**

- A comprehensive report must be submitted to the Foundation at the end of the internship experience (250 word minimum).
- An informal presentation (5 – 10 min) must be given to Foundations of Environmental Biology (BIO 202) the semester following the internship.

**Applicant Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(print name / signature) \_\_\_\_\_ (date) \_\_\_\_\_

**Include with Application:**

- Copy of unofficial transcript
- Internship proposal
- Student preparation and career plans
- Recommendation from faculty mentor

**Submit your completed application to: [ewanchuk@providence.edu](mailto:ewanchuk@providence.edu).**