



SUMMER POSITIONS AVAILABLE:
Northern Map Turtle Public Outreach
Internships
Summer 2025



Summary:

We seek interns to assist with public outreach efforts for the state-endangered Northern Map Turtle on the Susquehanna River. Applicants should be current undergraduate students at Towson University (enrolled Spring 2025). Positions dates are somewhat flexible but should include Memorial Day weekend (24-26 May 2025) through Labor Day weekend (30 August-1 September 2025), with a few further opportunities in the fall. Pay is \$15/hr. Overnight accommodations at the Port Deposit-TU Northern Map Turtle Field Station are available.

Position Description:

The role of the interns will be to assist with public outreach efforts supporting the Northern Map Turtle research. Most of this outreach occurs at the Port Deposit-TU Northern Map Turtle Field Station in the historic river town of Port Deposit, MD on the majestic Susquehanna River. This two-story structure was built in 1850 and restored and re-opened in 2017. Its primary purpose is to support ecological research and environmental education efforts centered on the endangered Northern Map Turtle and how it has been protected by the town of Port Deposit.



Interns will be expected to be present at the station from 1-4 PM on summer Saturdays and Sundays (plus holidays such as Memorial Day, Independence Day, and Labor Day if available), plus outreach events at other area locations and time. Interns will provide visitors with an overview of the research done by Towson University students and faculty on the Northern Map Turtle, as well as the history of the station and the importance of the town to the management of the turtle. Interns will also guide visitors on a tour of the station and the surrounding areas, narrate videos, and answer questions as needed. Interns will staff other events as needed.

Job Requirements

- Willingness to work with the public is essential. Interns will be expected to represent Towson University in a professional and respectful manner to visitors with a wide variety of backgrounds.
- Ability to adapt to variable work schedules.

- Must be able to work independently and in teams, communicate and coordinate effectively, adhere to schedules and provide routine summaries of efforts.
- Preference will be given to students with some advanced coursework in Ecology, Herpetology, Wildlife Biology, or Conservation Biology.
- Must have a valid and current drivers license.

To apply, please send a cover letter, resume, and names and contact information for two references (at least one should be a TU employee) to Dr. Steve Kimble skimble@towson.edu. Review of applications will begin immediately and continue until positions are filled but are due no later than 1 May 2025.