



WOODS HOLE OCEANOGRAPHIC INSTITUTION



We are seeking a guest student for a North Pacific Research Board-funded project led by scientists at Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution investigating the thermal physiology of the invasive golden star tunicate *Botryllus schlosseri*. The guest student appointment is full-time for ten weeks during the summer of 2023, with some flexibility including the opportunity to continue contributing to the project part-time during the following semester. The appointment is a mix between remote participation based in the student's home community and fieldwork (see field details below). This appointment is ideally suited to an advanced undergraduate student, for example, one having already completed their junior year, though students of all levels will be considered.

The guest student will participate in all stages of the investigation, learning techniques in ecophysiology, marine ecology, data analysis, and marine non-indigenous species research. They will also join us on at least two, two-week long field trips: one to Bodega Bay, CA in mid-July and a second to Sitka, AK in late August, with the potential to join a third field trip to San Diego, CA in October. The student will be encouraged to develop their own research question under the umbrella of the larger project, and we will guide them as they develop a talk or poster on their research to present at the Alaska Marine Science Symposium in January 2024 in Anchorage, AK. Travel expenses (travel, accommodation, conference registration, and meals) will be covered for fieldwork and conference attendance.

Required qualifications

- Interest and basic knowledge in marine biology/ecology
- Basic computer skills
- Strong work ethic
- Willingness to travel
- Ability to work in a team and independently
- Comfortable with a remote advising arrangement (we are based in Massachusetts)
- Currently enrolled student (unfortunately, we are not able to appoint recent graduates)

Preferred qualifications

- Previous experience with data analysis in R and/or Python
- Previous experience reading and synthesizing primary scientific literature

Stipend

\$680/week (no benefits)

We specifically plan to recruit an Alaska resident and especially encourage submissions from Alaska Native tribal members.

Please respond to this posting **no later than June 9th** by emailing a statement of interest and resume to Dr. Carolyn Tepolt (ctepolt@whoi.edu) and Zachary Tobias (ztobias@whoi.edu).