Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum-Loyola SES Internship Program Description:

A spring 2024 internship is available at the Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum (PNNM) funded by the School of Environmental Sustainability. The student will work a minimum 10 hours per week, at a rate of $16 per hour for up to a maximum of 140 hours ($2,240) per semester. The projects and case(s) on which the students will assist are determined by the Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum (host site), and are subject to change depending on their level of urgency and importance. Students are expected to develop a work schedule that allows the host site to know when they can rely on the student intern being present. Students can take the internship for Experiential Learning/Internship credit, and both the Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum staff and the SES Associate Dean of Academic Affairs will be involved in drafting expectations for course credit and assessing the student’s progress.

IMPORTANT! Since this internship is funded by Loyola University and hours are logged in KRONOS, the total number of weekly hours cannot exceed 19.5 for all Loyola positions combined.

Application and Selection Process:

To be considered for this position, students will submit a 1-page resume, which should include relevant courses and experiences, and a 1-page statement of purpose which outlines what they hope to do with their career and how this internship could help them advance their goals and enrich their Loyola experience. Please combine the resume and statement of purpose into one PDF document before submitting it. Students should submit these materials to Karen Schauwecker (kschauwecker@luc.edu) by November 27, 2024. Only current undergraduate and graduate Loyola students are eligible for this internship.

If you are applying to more than one external internship positions for the Spring semester, please send a separate application for each position in a separate email.

The mission of the Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum is to create a positive relationship between people and nature through collaborations, education, research and collections, exhibitions, and public forums to grow our region’s urban connection to the world of nature and science.

We believe that nature can and should be accessible to everyone. We envision communities that, in everyday life, connect with, value and embrace nature. We will be a spark that ignites and fosters a sense of wonder for nature, and understanding of science and desire to protect the natural world.
Learn more about the education and conservation programs at the core of the Nature Museum’s mission on their website: [Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum - Wonder is in Our Nature®](#)

**Conservation Biology/Animal Husbandry Intern**

This internship involves working with animals in our conservation programs such as the Blanding’s turtles and Smooth Greensnakes as well as the animals in the Living Collections including snakes, amphibians, fish, box turtles, aquatic turtles, birds, and invertebrates. This will include feeding, cleaning and handling.

The ideal candidate must have a strong interest in conservation and working with reptiles and amphibians (previous experience with herptiles is preferred). They should be flexible, able to deal with the unexpected, and should be able to work well as a team member as well as to work independently. The preferred schedule would be morning shifts at minimum 3 times per week with flexibility for weekends.