



## Barnegat Bay Partnership Paddle for the Edge Intern

Spring 2025

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### About

The Barnegat Bay Partnership (BBP) is one of 28 Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) designated National Estuary Programs established to protect and restore the water quality and ecological integrity of estuaries of national significance. The BBP is seeking applications from passionate students with an interest in gaining hands on experience in marine and environmental science. Interns will join our Wetlands and Watershed specialist to support the successful community science program Paddle for the Edge, a data collection event driven by volunteer kayakers, canoeists, and stand up paddleboarders in the Barnegat Bay.

### Objectives

- The intern will work closely with the Wetlands and Watershed Specialist to support the Barnegat Bay Partnership's [Paddle for the Edge](#) program
- The intern will get hands-on experience developing marketing and registration materials for a community science program
- The intern will assist in the development and implementation of training events for the public
- The intern will gain some field experience

### Position Overview

The Paddle for the Edge intern will assist in the development of training materials, marketing, registration, and fieldwork for the Paddle for the Edge program with the Barnegat Bay Partnership. Working closely with the Wetlands and Watershed Specialist, the intern will promote and engage the community in data collection throughout the Barnegat Bay watershed. This will include, but is not limited to, web and social media campaigns, organization and implementation of training events, and some field-based data collection.

### Location and Hours

The intern will report to the Barnegat Bay Partnership office located on the Ocean County College campus in Toms River, NJ. The Barnegat Bay Partnership is located in [Building 10](#).

Hours will vary depending on student availability and field schedule. Hours may be flexible, but intern would work approximately 3-10 hours per week through the 16-week academic semester. Credits are awarded based on time commitment.

### **Minimum Requirements**

- The Intern must be at least 18 years of age.
- Intern must be currently enrolled in a college or university program
- The intern must be willing and able to work in a variety of weather conditions (cold, wet, heat); work activities may include walking, lifting equipment, or spending extended periods of time standing or wading in the environment
- The Intern must be reliable and report to work when expected.
- The Intern must have the ability to communicate clearly and effectively.

### **Preferred Requirements**

- The intern should have experience with social media marketing and event promotion
- The intern should have a comfort with public speaking
- The intern should have a strong interest in the biological or environmental science fields
- The intern should have experience and knowledge of the Barnegat Bay estuary ecosystem
- The intern should have a valid US driver's license

### **Supervisor**

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*This internship opportunity is unpaid but eligible for academic credit through student's home institution.*