

Bartels Science Illustration Internship program

The Cornell Lab of Ornithology offers paid internships through the Bartels Science Illustration Internship program each year. Each recipient works on a project illustrating birds, wildlife, and/or plants for the Cornell Lab of Ornithology's print publications, outreach materials, and web sites.

Interns work on projects that help the Lab achieve its mission, and these projects often result in publication of the intern's work. We do not teach our interns how to draw birds, but instead offer the opportunity to gain experience and refine skills by working in a stimulating production environment. Interns also have access to the many resources at the Cornell Lab of Ornithology and Cornell University, including entry to the Cornell University Museum of Vertebrates to study prepared specimens; daily contact with world-renowned scientists and researchers; access to the University's extensive Library system; and the opportunity to be surrounded daily by original art by Louis Agassiz Fuertes, George M. Sutton, Charley Harper, Andrew Goldsworthy, and others.

Qualifications: We are seeking candidates with the following qualifications:

- Students (undergraduate, graduate, or recent graduates), or artists just starting their career
- At least 20 years old and/or have attended college for at least two years
- Experience and exceptional talent in illustration, painting, or drawing birds and wildlife
- A strong interest in advancing their skills in ornithological art

Preference will be given to applicants whose portfolios include ornithological work and who illustrate birds with scientific accuracy. Applications from foreign students are accepted, but fluency in English is required.

Work Schedule: Internship appointments are flexible, but require a commitment of 39 hours per week and usually last between three and six months. The internship will be conducted at the Cornell Lab of Ornithology, in Ithaca, New York. No relocation assistance is provided for this position, and visa sponsorship is not available. Funding may be subject to Federal and/or State income taxes.

Application: Please email the following items to Diane L. Tessaglia-Hymes at dianeth@cornell.edu or send them to her addressed to the Cornell Lab of Ornithology, 159 Sapsucker Woods Road, Ithaca, NY 14850.

- (1) Letter of interest stating why this internship is of particular interest to you and what you hope to gain from it. If you have a project of special interest to you, describe it in your letter. Also, describe any particular interests or skills you have related to this internship.
- (2) Your resume
- (3) Two letters of recommendation from faculty members or colleagues familiar with your work
- (4) Five or six samples of your work that you feel best reflect your skills in scientific illustration. Please include works that include birds. Samples may be submitted either as original work, high-quality reproductions or prints, or PDFs. Electronic submissions are preferred, and we discourage submitting originals or hard copies greater than 11 x 14 inches.

Application deadline: March 1. Applications received after this date will not be considered for the current year but will be kept on file for future internships.

Questions: Contact Cornell Lab design director Diane Tessaglia-Hymes at dianeth@cornell.edu (preferred) or call (607) 254-2417.

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