



Position:

Carolinas Butterfly Monitoring Program Summer Internship 2026

Position Overview:

We are seeking a student intern based in the Raleigh-Durham area who is eager to learn insect survey methods and accompany the program director and volunteers on pollinator surveys focused on butterflies. This internship will be ~ 50% in the field at survey sites and ~ 50% remote work. Hands-on training in butterfly identification and survey methodology will be provided. To support field surveys, you will work with the program director to conduct surveys, scout new survey routes, and assist new volunteers. Remote work will include online data entry, digital route mapping, website content updates, and developing promotions for social media.

Dates: June 15, 2026 – mid-August 2026 (*start and end dates are flexible!*)

Work Schedule:

- Flexible, 20-40 hours/week, weekend hours possible but not required.
- Work hours *will include* travel time to & from field sites outside of Durham, and Orange Counties, NC

Pay: \$18/hour up to \$6000; paid through Georgetown University

Position Requirements:

- Eagerness to learn field insect identification and standardized butterfly survey methods
- Exceptional attention to detail when conducting field surveys and computer data entry
- Ability to walk several miles in potentially hot and humid conditions over moderately rough terrain where encounters with mosquitoes, snakes, and ticks are possible
- Ability to work remotely and independently on non-field days

- Ability to work professionally with the public
- Access to computer & internet
- Access to personal transportation to and from field sites, primarily (but not limited to) in or near Durham and Orange Counties, NC
- Promptness!!
- Must be at least 18 years of age and have earned high school diploma



Primary Duties:

- Assist with field surveys of butterflies
- Assist with data entry, website content updates, social media development
- Assist with conducting workshops for public outreach and training new volunteer community scientists



To Apply, please send an email with (1) a cover letter describing your interest & background, (2) a résumé, and (3) names and contact information for 3 references to:

Jeffrey Phippen, Director, Carolinas Butterfly Monitoring Program | jeffpippen9@gmail.com

Application Deadline: March 15, 2026

Carolinas Butterfly Monitoring Program (CarBMP) aims to track butterfly populations using scientifically sound, standardized survey methods as well as opportunistic sightings across both North and South Carolina. This Community Science based program partners with non-profit and government organizations, offers public outreach, encourages interaction between the general public and professional biologists, and provides data to researchers evaluating the health of habitats and insect populations in the Carolinas and beyond.

Program Website:

<https://www.jeffpippen.com/butterflies/carolinasbmp/carolinasbmp.htm>