Frost Entomological Museum — Summer 2026 Internships

The [Frost Entomological Museum](#) at Penn State seeks two undergraduate summer interns, to assist with research projects related to **butterfly biodiversity and collections**. Training and experiences will be provided in the following areas:
- collecting / rearing (15%)
- specimen preparation and collection conservation (20%)
- collection digitization, including relevant data standards (55%)
- collections advocacy, policies, and management (3%)
- public engagement (7%)

Required Skills and Experience:
- *Careful handling and attention to detail.* Interns will work with small and incredibly fragile objects, each with many kinds of data that must be recorded and tracked. Dexterity and situational awareness are required.
- *Ability to stay focused.* Specimen digitization can be repetitive, but accurate data collection and transcription are required to contribute credible records to global data aggregators.
- *Curiosity about the natural world.* We're looking for interns who will fully engage with the work, asking questions along the way.
- *Commitment to science.* These specimens are used extensively in research, across many domains. Interns should be facilitative, organized, and goal-oriented.
- *Comfort in nature.* Field work may happen in muddy, wild habitats, where ticks are common.
- *Familiarity with insect taxonomy.* Ability to sight identify specimens, even to a higher-level taxon (order or family), will help us be efficient in all tasks.

Compensation:
Wage is set at $17.50/hour, with an expectation of about 40 hours worked per week. Start date (around early June) and duration (6–10 weeks) are reasonably negotiable.

Application process:
Visit the application [webpage](#) and be prepared to upload the following documents as PDFs by February 28, 2026:
1. Resume or CV
2. Personal statement: In about one page, please explain why you are interested in interning at the Frost Entomological Museum. Describe your personal and/or professional interests, and describe how this experience may facilitate your career goals.
3. Three references: Name, organization, phone, email, one sentence description of relationship.

Applications will be reviewed starting March 1, 2026.

Questions can be directed to Andy Deans: adeans@psu.edu
Apply here: http://tiny.cc/ButterflyIntern

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