Interdisciplinary Environmental Center
Princeton Environmental Institute (PEI) is the interdisciplinary center of environmental research, education, and outreach at Princeton University. PEI derives its strength from more than 90 members of the Princeton faculty whose research and teaching focuses on the scientific, technical, policy, and human dimensions of environmental issues. In 2007, PEI launched the Grand Challenges Program in collaboration with the School of Engineering and Applied Science and the Woodrow Wilson School. Due to the Grand Challenges Program, undergraduate students have an expanded array of internship opportunities in the areas of energy and climate, sustainable development in Africa, and global health and infectious disease.

Learn More and Apply
The PEI internship program is open to all Princeton University undergraduates with an interest in environmental topics, regardless of field of concentration. Internship positions are posted in late fall with applications due in the early spring semester. For information and to apply, visit www.princeton.edu/pei.

A Sampling of Past PEI Internship Destinations
Australia  Ghana  Mexico
Bermuda  India  Mozambique
China  Italy  Peru
Ecuador  Kenya  Saint Lucia
Ethiopia  Lesotho  South Africa
Finland  Liberia  Thailand
France  Madagascar  United States

Past PEI Internship Topics
Atmospheric monitoring
Biogeochemistry
Biological diversity
Climate modeling
Climate science
Ecological health
Energy technology
Environmental advocacy
Environmental education
Environmental justice

Health policy
Infectious disease
Ocean science and policy
Renewable energy
Resource conservation
Sustainable agriculture
Sustainable development
Urban sustainability
Water resource

Ryan Corey ’12
Electrical Engineering
Ryan created a more energy efficient mid-infrared LED from conventional quantum cascade lasers at Princeton University.

“My summer internship was a profoundly rewarding experience. Working closely with faculty and graduate students helped me to better understand my post-graduation options, and will certainly influence my decision about applying to graduate school.”

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Discover a world of extraordinary opportunities through the Princeton Environmental Institute Summer Internship Program.

PEI’s internship program offers a unique opportunity to complement your academic interests with hands-on engaging independent research experiences through the summer months. If you are interested in exploring and expanding your knowledge of complex global environmental problems related to energy and climate, infectious disease and global health, sustainable development in resource-scarce regions of the world, or environmental sustainability, this program is for you.

Pursue your passion—or discover a new one—through this opportunity of a lifetime.

Extraordinary Opportunities

Amy Gobel ’12
Geosciences

Through her internship in Bermuda, Amy investigated how anthropogenic nitrogen fixation affects nitrogen deposition in the North Atlantic Ocean.

“This opportunity exposed me to hands-on field research enabling me to work in a vibrant international community of top-notch oceanographers and climate scientists. This experience provided the foundation for my senior thesis.”

Broad Disciplinary Participation
Each summer, over 100 students from more than two-dozen academic departments participate in the PEI internship program. Whether you are aspiring to major in engineering, the humanities, natural or social sciences, you will find opportunities in this program to delve deeper into your field of interest and gain hands-on experience in real-world settings.

Jason Warrington ’13
Politics

Working for a multi-national company, Jason expanded a new employee rewards program to promote social and environmental responsibility.

“Thanks to this internship experience, I now have a better understanding of how for-profit business can fit into the environmental movement. It also solidified my intent on pursuing an environmentally-focused career.”

Mentored Learning
Choose from established research positions or design your own unique independent project. Opportunities are available with faculty-led research groups, local and international NGOs, and non-profit, government, and industry enterprises.

All positions are mentored by Princeton faculty or by faculty and professional staff members at participating host organizations.

Alexandra Kasdin ’14
Ecology and Evolutionary Biology

Alexandra taught environmental conservation in local Kenyan schools.

“After my experiences in Kenya, I view environmental education as the most important aspect of conservation. As a result, I plan to spearhead environmental education efforts in the future.”

Carnegie to Cape Town
Assignments through the PEI internship program stretch from the familiar neighborhood of Princeton University to cities, villages, and rural communities worldwide. Participating students receive funding to cover the cost of living and international travel for the duration of the internship, usually eight to ten weeks.

Shared Experiences
The culmination of the internship program, the Summer of Learning Symposium, takes place on campus in the fall. During this event, students assemble to share their insights and experiences with one another and PEI faculty. The symposium ignites a productive discussion among students, faculty, and others, and creates a forum for exchanging information and ideas. As a PEI intern, you become part of an extended community of scholars, collaborating and working to address the critical environmental problems of today.

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