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Hutton Junior Fisheries Biology Program

The mission of the Hutton Junior Fisheries Biology Program is to engage, inspire and support diversity in the next generation of fisheries and aquatic specialists.

The principal goal of the Hutton Junior Fisheries Biology Program is to recruit high school students from traditionally underrepresented communities in the fisheries profession and introduce them to the field of fisheries and aquatic science. This is done by matching selected students with a mentor in an 8-week paid summer internship among fisheries and aquatic specialists. The stipend for selected students is $3,000. We hope the student's experience through the Hutton Program is the catalyst that encourages them to study and ultimately pursue a career working in the field of fisheries and aquatic sciences.

To be considered for the Hutton Junior Fisheries Biology Program, you are required to provide a statement of interest, answer two short essay questions, one of which will require a 1-2 minute video response, provide school transcripts, and a Student Reference Form. For your application to be considered, all application materials must be received by the application deadline, January 25, 2026 (11:59PM PST).

The use of AI to generate essay responses it not permitted for this application. Applicants who use AI generated essays are subject to point deductions at the discretion of the review committee.

Please make sure your account settings allow notifications. If you do not allow notifications, you may miss important updates regarding your application.

Submitter's name

Date of Birth

Phone Number

Graduation Year

Class of 2026

Class of 2027

When will you graduate from high school?
*Note, only graduating classes 2026 and 2027 are eligible

Home Address

City

State/Province

Alabama

Alaska

Alberta

Arizona

Arkansas

British Columbia

California

Colorado

Connecticut

Delaware

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Postal Code

Add your zip code/postal code

Country of Residence

Race/Ethnicity

- [ ] Asian
- [ ] Black or African American
- [ ] Hispanic/Latino
- [ ] Middle Eastern or North African
- [ ] Native American or Alaska Native
- [ ] Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
- [ ] White
- [ ] Other not listed

Select all that apply.

Gender

- [ ] Female
- [ ] Male
- [ ] Non-binary/non-conforming
- [ ] Transgender
- [ ] I prefer not to say
- [ ] A gender not identified above

Select all that apply.

What are your preferred pronouns? (optional)

High School Name and Address (include city and state)

Add your high school's name here.

High School's Website

Parent/Guardian's Name

Parent/Guardian's Email

Parent/Guardian's Phone Number

Grade Point Average (4.0 scale)

Please convert to a 4.0 scale if a different system is used by your school. For help converting your GPA, use the following calculator: https://www.iastate.edu/gpa-calculator While we collect GPA information, your GPA will not effect your overall application.

Have you applied to the Hutton Program before?

- ◯ Yes
- ◯ No

Were you recruited for this program by a fisheries professional who will mentor you? If so, indicate their name and place of work. This person must submit a mentor application. (optional)

Do you have access to the following transportation options to travel to host site within a maximum 30-45 minute drive on a routine basis?

- ☐ I can drive myself
- ☐ Family/friends can provide transportation
- ☐ Public transportation
- ☐ I do not have access to reliable transportation

Students can be placed within a maximum 30-45 minute drive of their host institution. Please select all reasonable transportation options you have access to.

In the case that there are no mentors available within a reasonable distance of your home address, please list any additional locations where you could complete your internship. Include the city, state, and relation to who will be housing you. (optional) 50 words

Additional locations must be locations where you have a family or friend to live with and have access to transportation to and from your internship site.

How did you hear about the Hutton Program?

- ☐ Friends/family
- ☐ Internship "job board"
- ☐ Search engine
- ☐ Social Media
- ☐ Teacher/Counselor
- ☐ Recruitment emails/flyers
- ☐ Recruited by a Hutton mentor
- ☐ Other

If selected as a Hutton scholar, can we use your pictures and report for promotional materials and on the website?

Yes

No

If you are not selected, may we share your contact information with universities who have fisheries related undergraduate programs/other related environmental programs?

Yes

No

Electronic Signature 6 words

The Hutton Program requires that you certify your application submission by submitting an electronic signature. To do so, please type your full name. Please read the FAQ page on our website before certifying your application. [https://hutton.fisheries.org/students/what-is-fisheries-science/faqs-2/] (https://hutton.fisheries.org/students/what-is-fisheries-science/faqs-2/)

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Reflecting on this goal:
1. What communities, identities, or experiences have shaped who you are?

2. What sparked your specific interest in the Hutton Program, fisheries, or aquatic sciences? Describe any key experiences that influenced your decision to apply.

3. What do you hope to learn or gain from this internship experience? How do you plan to apply this knowledge in your future career and in giving back to your community? In what ways do you hope to use the skills gained through this internship to make a positive impact?

Please limit your statement of interest to 600 words.

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read about our program mission here: https://hutton.fisheries.org/about-us/

For guidance on writing a statement of interest, check out this link: https://careerdevelopment.morehouse.edu/blog/2022/11/17/tips-for-writing-a-statement-of-interest/

Please address all three parts of the question in your response.

Working in fisheries and aquatic science can be both rewarding and challenging. **Describe a situation where you were challenged and how your unique perspective helped you overcome that challenge and/or describe the lessons that you learned regardless of the outcome.** 300 words

Be as specific as possible by including explanations and examples in your responses. Your response should be between 200 - 300 words in length with a minimum of 100 words.

Please submit a 1-2 minute video addressing the following question.

What are your personal, academic, or career goals, and how do you hope an internship in fisheries and aquatic science will help you achieve them? Please describe your goals and explain how participating in the Hutton Program will help you reach them.

Video responses should focus on answering the specific question without repeating information shared elsewhere in the application. Preference will be given to responses delivered naturally rather than read from a prepared script.

You will need to upload a video file for this question. Video responses longer than 2 minutes will not be scored.

School Transcripts

All Hutton applicants are required to provide a high school transcript (official or unofficial).

Students may upload transcripts themselves in the box to the left or ask that one be submitted by a school administrator/advisor.

Please refer to the fields below if a school official will be providing your transcript.

If your transcript will be sent via email, please upload a Word Document stating the name and email of who will be uploading your transcript. Your school administrator will delete this document and upload your transcripts in this field.

If you do not have access to your high school transcipt, you can request your transcipts be uploaded directly by a school administrator. Please indicate their name below. (optional)

Email address of the school administrator who will be uploading your transcript. (optional)

A request will be sent to this person via email, prompting them to upload a transcript.

Will you upload your reference, or will someone else?

I will upload it directly

I've listed someone on the "Reference" tab to upload it

All student applicants are required to provide a Reference from a high school teacher, coach, advisor, employer or member of your community (not a relative/peer).

The Student Reference Form can be found here: https://hutton.fisheries.org/students/ under "Application Requirements."

All references are due by the end of the application period, January 25th, 2026. Your reference can upload the form themselves, simply enter their name and email in the "Hutton Reference" tab. If you have a completed copy, you can select "I will upload it directly," and you will be prompted to upload the form.

For any questions or concerns about reference forms, email aberniche@fisheries.org

Student Reference (i.e. teacher, coach) Name

Please indicate the name of the person who will be completing your reference form.

Student Reference Email

Please indicate the email of the person who will be completing your reference form.

All applicants are required to submit a "Student Reference Form" with their application. Forms can be uploaded directly on the "Attachments" tab, or you can add your reference below, and they will receive an email explaining how they can submit the reference directly. References must be submitted using the Hutton Reference form, found here: https://hutton.fisheries.org/students/ under "Application Requirements." All student applicants are required to provide a Reference from a high school teacher, coach, advisor, employer or member of your community (not a relative/peer). Forms are due at the close of the application period, on January 24th, 2027.

If you have a completed copy of your reference form, you can upload it directly on the "Attachments" tab and ignore this page.

Please make sure to select "Send Request" once you enter your reference's email, or they will not receive an email prompting them to upload their form.