



Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

Joint Internship with Mount Washington Observatory (MWOBS) and the United States Forest Service's Mount Washington Avalanche Center (MWAC)

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1. Where do interns live?

While on the summit of Mount Washington, interns will live in Mount Washington Observatory (MWOBS) housing with the observers on shift. While at Mount Washington (MWAC) and during their off week, interns will be provided housing through the United States Forest Service (USFS) at Bartlett Experimental Forest (Pine Street, Bartlett, NH 03812). For photos of both, please see below:

MWOBS summit weather station living quarters:



Bartlett Experimental Forest housing with USFS:



2. Are interns responsible for their own meals?

While on the summit of Mount Washington, interns will be provided all meals through MWOBS. While at MWAC (and during their off week) interns will be responsible for providing their own meals.

3. Will winter gear be provided?

MWOBS will provide outerwear suitable for work on the summit. Skis, snowboards, and outerwear for avalanche work will be the responsibility of the intern to provide. MWAC will work with interns if necessary to provide hardgoods for avalanche safety (e.g. crampons, a beacon).

4. What is the time breakdown between MWOBS and MWAC?

Interns will spend an equal amount of time with both organizations, with every third week off.

5. Will interns work with the same people all winter? How do interns fit into the shift schedule?

Interns will work consistently with one shift at MWOBS and will stay on the mountain for the entirety of their shift week. At MWAC, field partners may vary day-to-day, but the core group of forecasters will remain the same.

6. Will I be able to conduct research?

Yes! Interns will partake in a research project, working with both MWAC and MWOBS to either assist with an ongoing research project or design their own project. Projects that span the research areas of both organizations are highly recommended.