

UMaine Accreditation:

This year, we launched the first-ever QBC internship program accredited by the University of Maine. Achieving this long-term goal allowed us to offer a unique, hands-on, paid 11-week internship, where students not only gain valuable experience but also earn college-level credit. The course, *Field Experiences in Marine Science*, is hosted and managed by QBC and overseen by University of Maine professor Dr. Walt Golet.

The goal of the QBC internship program is to provide students with comprehensive exposure to a wide range of marine-related fields, offering hands-on experience that prepares them for success in their future education and careers. By immersing interns in diverse marine disciplines, our aim is to equip them with practical skills and real-world knowledge that will enhance their effectiveness and productivity in any field they choose to pursue. We believe that fostering a multidisciplinary approach among students will empower them to tackle the complex challenges facing marine ecosystems with innovation and insight, ultimately contributing to the long-term health and sustainability of coastal environments.

