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Stewardship

The following centennial proposal is certified as eligible for Centennial Challenge funding consideration in fiscal year 2008. Funding for the Centennial Challenge requires legislation.

Acadia Research Fellowships: Engaging Young Science Professionals in Park-Based Research

Location: Maine – Hancock County

Partner(s): L.L. Bean, Inc., Friends of Acadia, Acadia Partners for Science and Learning

Partner Websites: www.llbean.com/outdoorsOnline/acadia/index.html, www.friendsofacadia.org/, www.acadiapartners.org/

Total Cost: \$50,000

Proposal # 136583

Summary: The Acadia Research Fellowship program will expand an existing pilot public-private partnership that has enabled the National Park Service to competitively offer research grants to investigators interested in doing scientific study at Acadia National Park. This program will improve knowledge about the park's natural and cultural resources and make meaningful connections between the National Park Service and the next generation of young scientists (undergraduate/graduate students, post-docs, junior faculty). Studies initiated and data collected through this program will support the park's efforts to restore native habitats disturbed by invasive species, complement the National Park Service's vital signs monitoring effort, and facilitate the completion of needed cultural resource inventories. The Acadia Research Fellowship program will also increase public understanding and appreciation of park resources by including focused outreach components in every funded study. In addition, this program will facilitate strong personal connections between young scientists and the National Park System, thereby fostering future advocates and constituents for the agency's important conservation mission.



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Downloading temperature data from rocky intertidal habitat at Acadia National Park (photograph courtesy of University of Maine)