What is a Student Internship?

A student intern is usually a graduate of the Young Ornithologists’ Workshop. Each year, one or more interns become involved in all aspects of LPBO’s Migration Monitoring Program to further develop skills gained from the YOW program. In addition, interns design and conduct an independent field research project. Funding for these positions is provided by The Doug Tarry Internship Award.

Where is Long Point?

- Long Point, a United Nations World Biosphere Reserve famous for its birds and unique habitats, is located on the north shore of Lake Erie, not far from Port Dover and Simcoe, Ontario.
- The Long Point Bird Observatory’s Old Cut Research Station is a modern and fully-equipped research facility and visitor centre.

How do I apply?

Applications are due by April 30th each year. For more information, or an application form, please contact:

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What is the Doug Tarry YOW?

The Doug Tarry Young Ornithologists’ Workshop (YOW), a program of Long Point Bird Observatory, encourages young people who have a keen interest in birds to develop their skills in ornithology. Thanks to the generosity and foresight of the late Doug Tarry, the Doug Tarry Natural History Fund was established to support such educational activities as the Workshop and Student Internship program. These programs are largely aimed at providing pre-university level students with an opportunity to experience nature and ornithology up close and personal.

Who can apply?

Each August, a 9-day workshop is offered to six lucky teenagers (between 13-17 years) from across Canada. The Doug Tarry Bird Study Award covers all fees incurred by the participants (excluding travel costs). You do not need to be a top-notch birder, but you do have to be enthusiastic and have a serious interest in birds.

What does the YOW offer?

• The YOW is a comprehensive “hands-on” approach to the study of ornithology.
• Students become actively involved in LPBO’s migration monitoring program, learning population monitoring, identification, banding, ageing, and sexing techniques.

A Field Biologist shares his expertise with students

• The best way to hone one’s birding skills is through practice. Participants visit many birding “hotspots” that the Long Point region has to offer, including a boat trip to the tip of Long Point, where students are given a chance to explore this unique wilderness.
• Professional field biologists share their expertise with students.

Learning the art and science of bird banding

• Presentations and slide shows focus on a variety of interesting topics from birds to bugs.
• Students learn practical applications such as the use of computers in birding and the preparation of museum-quality specimens.

Quotes from former YOW participants:

“It was one of the most enjoyable weeks I’ve ever spent anywhere, and that’s the truth.” - Chris Greenwood - age 15

“I have now met young people who have similar interests, who are great people, who are now my friends, and we will keep in touch.” - Sarah Trefry - age 14

“Friendships made at the workshop are often life-long!”

“That evening we went to Backus Woods to listen for owls, and we actually got to communicate with them . . . they were the most beautiful sounds I have ever heard.” - Lea Ann Doan - age 17

“This has been an awesome week. We did a lot of banding each morning, and got to handle at least 16 species of birds including the Northern Waterthrush, Tennessee Warbler, Warbling Vireo and Cardinal. We learned about the whole process, from setting up nets to aging by skull ossification.” - Philina English - age 14

“The skills that I learned at Long Point will stay with me for the rest of my life and help me in many different ways.”
- Jennifer Carson - age 14