

# Nantucket Island, Massachusetts

**TERM** – B 2010

**PROJECT OPPORTUNITIES** – IQP

**HOUSING** – Shared student dormitories

**CO-DIRECTORS** – Professors Dominic Golding & Natalie Mello

**PREPARATION** – 1/2 unit preparation activity in A 2010

**APPLICATION DEADLINE** – October 1, 2009 (before 1:00 pm)



*Photo taken by Dianna Berlo, Nantucket B'08*

## LOCATION

The Nantucket Island project site is a residential program with resident faculty advisors. This historic island is 14 miles long with an average width of about 3.5 miles and has about 10,000 year round residents. It was once a booming whaling center but is now primarily a tourist destination, particularly during the summer months. It is a National Historic District and has changed little since the 17<sup>th</sup> century (with cobblestone streets, old shops and lamps, seaside cottages, and historical museums). It has excellent public beaches that extend around the island, and 40% of the island is protected conservation land.

## PROJECTS

Nantucket is unique for a number of reasons: it is a high-end, tourist destination in the summer when approximately 40,000 tourists visit the island and draw on the island's limited resources; it is a historic site deeply committed to historic preservation and museum studies; and it is also an environmentally-sensitive site where much of the land is protected and where problems such as beach erosion and invasive species (such as white-tail deer) have created new challenges (such as overgrazing and Lyme disease). As such, projects will tend to focus on environmental challenges (e.g., waste management, tourism impacts, sustainability) and on museum studies (e.g., providing information and maps to tourists; making museum information more accessible to the public). Potential projects include working with the following sponsors: Maria Mitchell Association, Nantucket Historical Association, and the Egan Maritime Foundation.

<i>Estimated Out-of-Pocket Expenses</i>	<i>Amount</i>	
Local transportation	\$ 200	NOTE: In calculating the extra expense to participate in an off-campus project experience compare this figure to expenses incurred while living on campus (groceries or meal plan, entertainment expenses, transportation, etc.)
Groceries	\$ 600	
Dining out (7 x term)	\$ 350	
Weekend tourist activities & incidentals	\$ 250	
Estimated total out-of-pocket expenses	\$1,400	
<i>Expenses included on your WPI bill</i>	<i>Amount</i>	
Housing and program expenses	*\$650	*Housing costs are currently being negotiated. Final costs may be less.
Estimated total expenses	\$1,750	<b><i>Tuition and on-campus housing not included.</i></b>
<b><i>All above costs are estimates and are subject to change.</i></b>		