

SUMMER INTERNSHIP POSITION 2020

The San Juan County Marine Mammal Stranding Network (SJCMMMSN), a program of The Whale Museum established in 1980, is authorized by NMFS to respond to all marine mammal strandings in San Juan County, WA. We typically respond to more than 200 calls of both live and deceased animals per year. SJCMMMSN is currently recruiting 1-2 San Juan Island-based intern(s) to help respond to marine mammal strandings during our busy season. Interns and volunteers of this critical program serve as ambassadors between humans and marine mammals as well as contribute scientific data that is crucial to both human and animal health.

Internship is based in Friday Harbor, WA and requires approximately 35-40 hours per week from June-August. Schedule may vary and involve "on call" time. There will be a variety of tasks both in the field and in an office setting. Intern(s) will receive an hourly wage. Housing is not provided, but we will give you resources and help you find accommodations.

KEY TASKS AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Assist with stranding response including: conducting health assessments of live seal pups in the field; tagging harbor seals that are not collected for rehabilitation; transferring harassed or injured pups to a local rehabilitation center; conducting Level A examinations on dead marine mammals
- Perform first mate duties on board The Whale Museum's stranding boat, the *R/V Buzzard*
- Assist with necropsies of fresh dead marine mammals including: transferring carcasses to the lab space; preparing, setting-up, and taking down necropsy supplies; organizing and archiving biological samples
- Assist with training and supervising a volunteer network of approximately 50 people
- Assist with data entry and analysis for SJCMMMSN as well as The Whale Museum's marine mammal sightings network and passive acoustics collection
- Participate in outreach events to teach the public about Share the Shore regulations

REQUIREMENTS:

- Applicant should be enrolled in an undergraduate program at an accredited college or university, or be a recent graduate from a college or university (up to 3 years).
- Interest in the field of marine mammalogy / marine science / wildlife sciences
- Experience boating in the marine environment
- Experience with field work
- Possess a valid US driver's license and access to a mode of transportation
- Exceptional attention to detail
- Physically fit (able to lift 50 lbs)

PREFERRED QUALIFICATIONS:

- Animal handling experience
- Experience with conflict resolution & public communication
- Project management experience

HOW TO APPLY FOR INTERNSHIP POSITION:

Please submit a letter of interest, a resume, and three letters of recommendation as one pdf. Please include what dates you are available. Applications accepted until March 13th, 2020. Decisions will be made by April 3rd, 2020.

Please send application materials (or questions) to:

ATTN Alyssa Scott

The Whale Museum, P.O. Box 945, Friday Harbor, Washington 98250

Or email (preferred): alyssa@whalemuseum.org

If emailing, please include in your subject line: SJCMMMSN Internship Application (Your Last Name)

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