

Position: Soundwatch Program Intern, summer season June-September

Location: The Whale Museum, Friday Harbor, San Juan Island, Washington State, USA

Soundwatch is a successful and internationally acclaimed education and monitoring program working to reduce vessel disturbance to orcas and other marine wildlife in the Salish Sea region of Washington State (USA) and British Columbia (Canada). Soundwatch needs interns to help conduct seasonal vessel patrols, educate boaters on regional/federal guidelines and regulations, and collect data while monitoring vessel activities around whales. Data from this critical program characterizes vessel activity trends around endangered orcas and other marine wildlife. The data is used to promote better boater compliance and to inform marine mammal management strategies such as state and federal vessel laws and guidelines. The Soundwatch program is operated by The Whale Museum (TWM), a not-for-profit organization located in Friday Harbor on San Juan Island in Washington State.

Interns Must:

- Commit to at least 12 weeks between May and September (with possible extension)
- Be able to work approximately 35-40 hours per week, Mon-Sun
- Perform a variety of tasks both in the field on the boat and in an office setting
- Have a strong sense of responsibility, work ethic and attention to detail
- Produce high quality research efforts and exhibit strong interpersonal skills
- **Field days:** Interns must be able to spend many hours on the water sometimes in extreme seasonal conditions. Field days typically exceed eight hours and occur at least three or four times a week.

Internship is located in Friday Harbor, Washington. Interns are responsible for finding their own housing and having a mode of transportation. Once accepted, TWM staff will be able to assist Interns in suggesting suitable housing options and locations.

Applicant requirements: At least 18 years of age, physically fit (able to lift 40 lbs), must be able to swim, not easily susceptible to seasickness, and familiar with database spreadsheets. Preference will be given to undergraduates or recent graduates in the marine or wildlife sciences. Interns will need a valid US passport or an enhanced driver's license, CPR/First Aid certification. A state boater license/or equivalent safe boating card, not required, but is encouraged.

HOW TO APPLY FOR INTERNSHIP POSITION:

Application package should include: a cover letter, resume and up to five references (reference letter or contact information for each reference). Electronic submissions are encouraged in the form of a PDF compiled with the requested information. Please include what dates you can start/end.

Active review of submitted applications will begin immediately and continue until the position is filled. Note: International applicants required to have approved Visa and documentation to work in the U.S. at the time of submission.

Please send to: Jenny L. Atkinson, Executive Director, The Whale Museum, P. O. Box 945, Friday Harbor, WA 98250 or Email (preferred): jenny@whalemuseum.org

Please visit The Whale Museum's Web site for more information on Soundwatch: <http://www.whalemuseum.org/programs/soundwatch/soundwatch.html>