



Project Oceanology

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Paid Residential Marine Science Education Intern

Seasonal – June 21, 2021 through August 20, 2021

Applications reviewed upon receipt.

Are you interested in:

- Exploring the marine environment
- Learning how to present science to students through environmental education and environmental advocacy
- Gaining experience with marine science careers and sampling techniques
- Gaining leadership skills
- Working with students entering grades 5 to 12

About the Organization

Project Oceanology's mission since 1972 has been to nurture enthusiasm for science and for our planet's marine environment from our waterfront facilities on Long Island Sound in Groton. As a year round, marine science and environmental education organization operated by a 501(c)(3) nonprofit association of boards of education, colleges and other educational institutions, Project O has pioneered a hands-on, inquiry oriented approach to science through programs meeting state education standards. Using our research vessels, skiffs, oceanographic equipment, and marine laboratories, Project O leads more than 25,000 students and adults annually as they learn about the ocean, estuaries, rivers and marine life through firsthand, on-the-water science-rich experiences in the surrounding waters of Long Island Sound, Fishers Island Sound and the Thames River.

Description:

Project Oceanology seeks in a seasonal Marine Science Education Intern a positive, energetic, and enthusiastic college student that enjoys science, the outdoors, and working with youth in an educational summer camp setting. Project Oceanology' residential and day camps utilize marine science to develop leadership and life skills for youth ages 10 – 18. As a Summer Intern, you will work with Project Oceanology Marine Science Educators to help campers explore the marine environment while teaching tolerance and understanding in a diverse community. Participants in the Summer Internship Program will focus on leadership skills, environmental education, and environmental advocacy, as well as gaining experience with marine science sampling techniques.

This is a highly responsible position working with students attending Project Oceanology summer programs, including residential overnight summer camps. Duties include overnight and daytime supervision of students, implementing and enforcing camp rules, and planning and participating in activities with students. Interns provide a supportive, friendly, and safe environment for students entering grades 5 through 12, during weekly day camp programs and 6 day/5 night residential camp programs. The position requires the use of independent judgment, initiative, maturity, observation, confidentiality, and communication skills.

Details of Employment:

The 2021 Summer Internship Program term is 9 weeks beginning June 21st, and wrapping up on August 20th, 2021. This position is based at Project Oceanology in Groton, CT; interns must be available to live in the hostel on the premises and generally remain on-site from 9pm-9am when residential camps are in session. The intern must be able to work a flexible and varied schedule from **Sunday through Friday** when residential camps are in session. The intern must participate in and successfully complete one week of staff training activities. Four applicants may be selected.

Examples of Essential Functions:

- Provides daytime supervision of students, including meal times, on a rotating schedule with other camp staff and interns.
- Provides overnight supervision during camps sessions along with other interns and the Resident Supervisor.
- Under supervision, develops and teaches one marine science lesson per week under the guidance of senior camp staff members.
- Implements and enforces camp rules.
- Coordinates with other camps staff to assist, interact with, and lead students in daily team-building activities.
- Under direction of Resident Supervisor, monitors the hostel facility used by students to ensure safety and cleanliness.
- Administers first aid according to prescribed procedures, and notifies emergency personnel, when necessary.
- Provides a safe, supportive, and friendly environment throughout camp and Project Oceanology facilities.

Qualifications/Eligibility Requirements:

Successful applicants (age 18+) will have experience working with children. Applicants will have demonstrated maturity, energy, enthusiasm, effective communication skills, and an interest in the marine environment. Applicants must also have:

- Ability to relate to and communicate with youths on an individual and group basis.
- Ability to establish and maintain effective and courteous working relationships with Project Oceanology staff, students, and the general public.
- Ability to provide personal assistance, medical attention, emotional support, or other personal care to others.
- Ability to work as a team member and as a leader.
- Have a strong interest in marine science
- Have a strong interest in working with youth
- Ability to maintain a calm demeanor and adjust quickly to changing priorities in stressful and/or emergency situations.

Education, Experience and Training:

Must have or be pursuing a BS or BA in Marine Science, Biology, Oceanography, Environmental Education, Environmental Science, or similar field. Experience working with children is highly desired.

Certificates/Licenses

Must complete certifications in first aid, CPR and Medical Administration during training week.

Other Requirements

An acceptable State of Connecticut Health form (physical exam and immunizations) is required. Consent to pre-employment drug test and criminal history check is required; results of both must be satisfactory.

Physical Demands

The physical demands here are representative of those that must be met by an intern to successfully perform the essential functions of this position. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions. While performing the duties of this job, the intern is frequently required to:

- Hear, speak, stand, sit, walk, bend, twist, stoop, kneel, crouch, climb stairs to various levels
- Use hands to handle, feel or operate objects, tool and controls
- Tolerate exposure to weather and environmental conditions
- Carry, lift and manipulate equipment up to 100 lbs.
- Walk steep or uneven terrain while carrying equipment

To be considered for the position, the following material must be submitted:

1. Online application (www.oceanology.org/employment)
2. Cover Letter
3. Resume
4. Two References: One letter of reference and one contact reference

Interview Process:

Due to the large volume of applications we receive, only applicants selected for an interview will be contacted. Interviews will last approximately 15 minutes, and may take place in person or via Zoom or Skype.

Selection and approval process:

The selection committee will select applicants to hire after interviews and deliberation. All candidates will be notified once all positions have been filled but not later than the end of April 2021.

Compensation:

The daily rate of pay is \$65; room is provided for the entire period and board is provided when camp is in session.

Contact Information:

Questions about Ocean Camp and Project Oceanology Summer Internship Program can be directed to:

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