

MARINE MAMMAL INTERNSHIP California Wildlife Center

Dates: 8-week Internships – Two positions available each session
Session I: Beginning of January to end of February
Session II: Mid-February to mid-April
Session III: Beginning of April to end of May
Session IV: Mid-May to mid-July
Application Deadlines: Sessions I & II; December 1 (or next business day)
Sessions III & IV; February 1 (or next business day)



Time Commitment:
40 hours per week.

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Summary/Program Description

The California Wildlife Center is a non-profit organization dedicated to the rescue, rehabilitation and release of injured, orphaned and sick native wildlife. CWC fulfills this mission through marine mammal rescue and rehabilitation, and treatment of avian and terrestrial wildlife in our rehabilitation hospital. This internship will provide an exciting and challenging educational experience in the marine mammal field, while also allowing for additional hands-on experience with other native California wildlife. The interns will be working closely with the Marine Mammal program staff in all aspects of stranding response and rehabilitation, including logistics, assessment, capture/restraint, transportation, husbandry, and public relations. In addition, interns will provide support to CWC Hospital staff in animal husbandry tasks for avian and terrestrial wildlife.

Intern Responsibilities

Under supervision of Marine Mammal staff, duties will include:

- Assess stranded marine mammals
- Coordinate and lead responder team in the capture and handling of stranded marine mammals needing medical attention
- Coordinate transport of stranded marine mammals to the rehabilitation facility
- Completion of NMFS Level A data sheets. Maintain detailed database records of Malibu strandings, including reports of stranding, human interaction issues, etc.
- Assist with marine mammal necropsy and sample collection
- Assist in daily husbandry tasks of marine mammals admitted to the on-site rehabilitation facility
- Work closely with Marine Department staff to provide patient-specific rehabilitative care
- Maintain good rapport with representatives of various public agencies

Intern Qualifications

The internship is open to all applicants at least 18 years of age or older. Undergraduate students and non-students alike are encouraged to apply. If the intern intends to receive academic credit, the intern will be responsible for making all arrangements with their educational institutions. Due to the unpredictable nature of marine mammal stranding response, interns may sometimes be required to work beyond their normal scheduled hours. Interns must be able and willing to work flexible hours including weekends and holidays. Interns will be required to have good physical strength and the ability to lift/carry 50 lbs. Interns need to have the ability to multitask and work in a fast paced environment. Animal care and/or marine mammal experience is a plus but not required. Applicant must demonstrate proof of negative TB test within the past year and a current tetanus vaccination.

Housing/Transportation

Housing and transportation are the responsibility of the intern. Must have own transportation and current drivers license.

Application Process

Interested individuals must send the following:

- Letter of intent
- Resume
- Two letters of reference
- Proof of Vaccinations (tetanus)

Your letter of intent must state the Session you are applying for and detail interests, experience, and availability.

Submit the above items via regular mail or email (preferred) to:

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