MARINE MAMMAL INTERNSHIP
California Wildlife Center

Six, two-month sessions are available:

- **Session I** - two positions  
  February 1st to the end of March
- **Session II** - two positions  
  April 1st to the end of May
- **Session III** - two positions  
  June 1st to the end of July

**Application Deadlines:**

- Session I – December 1st
- Session II – January 1st
- Session III – March 1st

**Time Commitment:**

40 Hours per week

**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 rehabilitation field. Working closely with the Marine Mammal program staff, individuals will be exposed to many aspects of stranding response and rehabilitation, including: logistics, assessment, capture/restraint, transportation, husbandry, data collection, and public relations. The marine mammal teams also perform rescues on coastal native marine avian species, providing interns a view into the skills necessary for capture and transport of these species. To minimize cross contamination potential, all rehabilitative care of non-marine mammal species is handled solely by the hospital staff / volunteers.

**Intern Responsibilities**

Under supervision of Marine Mammal staff, duties will include:

- Assess stranded marine mammals
- Assist or lead responder teams in the capture and handling of stranded marine mammals needing medical attention
- Provide appropriate transport conditions for stranded marine mammals to the rehabilitation facility
- Maintain detailed records of daily activities including: reports of stranding, human interaction and patient status
- Perform daily husbandry tasks necessary to provide high level care for patients admitted to the rehabilitation facility
- Adhere to all safety guidelines set forth by California Wildlife Center and the Marine Mammal Department
- Work closely with Marine Mammal department staff to provide patient-specific rehabilitative care
- Maintain good rapport with representatives of various public agencies, as well as members of the public
- Assist with marine mammal necropsy and sample collection

**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 an intern intends to receive academic credit, they 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. Rescues are performed during daylight hours. Rehabilitation hours are scheduled daily, 7:30a – 7:30p. 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.

**Housing/Transportation**

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

**Application Process**

Interested individuals must submit the following to be considered:

- Letter of intent
- Resume

Your letter of intent should state the session(s) that you are available/applying for and detail interests and experience.

Submit the above items via email to:
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Visit our website for more information: www.cawildlife.org