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Many past interns have been hired as:
- Marine Technicians
- ROV Technicians
- Electronics Technicians
- Ocean Engineers
- And many more!

A UNOLS-MATE Internship is an excellent opportunity to help you:

1. DEFINE YOUR CAREER GOALS
There is no better way to determine if a marine technical career is right for you than to experience it first-hand!

2. PLAN AND PREPARE FOR YOUR CAREER
Work alongside and learn from a network of marine technical professionals conducting and supporting oceanographic research on board research vessels at-sea, in the shipyard, and shore-based workshops.

3. APPLY YOUR SKILLS TO MARINE TECHNICAL APPLICATIONS
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The UNOLS Office coordinates internships with the U.S. Academic Research Fleet and its supporting organizations. This is an incredible opportunity to be exposed to a wide range of marine technologies, equipment, and marine technical professionals. Interns receive hands-on training and assist with projects ranging from chemical oceanography to marine biology, seafloor mapping surveys, geological studies, ROV missions, and much more!
Internships last from 2 weeks to 6 months each and are scheduled throughout the entire calendar year. The program pays a weekly stipend plus airfare, lodging and other approved travel expenses. Most interns work, eat, and sleep aboard research vessels. For land-based internships, lodging off ship and an additional meal stipend are provided. Internship projects vary and correspond to the objectives set by each specific host organization or research cruise.

WHAT PAST INTERNS HAVE TO SAY ABOUT THE PROGRAM:

“It was a real life changing experience for me. I feel it has greatly enriched me and inspired my goals even further.”

“Because of this program, I have traveled all over the world and participated in some of the most interesting projects imaginable.”

“I learned how to operate and troubleshoot a wide range of equipment and instrumentation that are standard across most research vessels.”

“I learned from my mentors how to become more involved in the marine technical community and find other job offers in the field.”

PROGRAM MISSION

- Provide opportunities for students from diverse backgrounds to receive training by marine technical professionals;
- Improve marine technical education and prepare the future ocean workforce; and
- Help meet the demand for multi-skilled marine technicians.

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INTERESTED?

Application requirements, and other resources are available at: marinetechn.org/internships/
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