



Marine Education Internship

A learning opportunity in a fast-paced and fun organization

What: The Port Townsend Marine Science Center is pleased to offer two unpaid internships for the 2015 season. Marine Education Interns will learn by actively assisting our program staff in a wide variety of programs and tasks including exhibit maintenance and interpretation, volunteer management, summer camp education, and citizen science. Other aspects of life in a busy non-profit educational organization will be explored as opportunities arise. Interns are responsible for completing paperwork to receive university credit.

Where: PTMSC is a public non-profit marine education facility located in Fort Worden State Park, Washington. Our two buildings house a small hands-on Marine Exhibit with local near-shore animals and plants, a Natural History Exhibit featuring a fully articulated orca skeleton with exhibits connecting her to emergent issues of toxics in the marine environment, a citizen science research lab, and two fully equipped classrooms. Visit www.ptmsc.org and blog.ptmsc.org or find us on Facebook to learn more.

When: Two positions beginning mid-June 2015 until end of August 2015; option to continue through October 2015; Full time including most weekends.

Tasks:

- Assist in all aspects of running and maintaining Marine and Natural History Exhibits including maintaining tanks, caring for animals, and general upkeep of exhibits
- Assist the volunteer docent team in interpreting exhibits for the public including hands-on education programs
- Assist educational staff in Marine Science Summer Camps
- Support volunteers in our citizen science lab and marine mammal stranding network
- Support volunteers in our gift shop
- Receive on-site training in natural history, marine biology, shoreline ecology, interpretation techniques, and care of cold water marine invertebrates and fish

Qualifications:

- Ability or willingness to work with people of all ages and diverse backgrounds
- Marine science and natural history background
- Energetic, self-motivated, and willing to learn
- Independent, well organized, and a team worker
- Excellent verbal communication skills
- CPR and First Aid certification completed before arrival

Physical Demands: The physical demands below are representative of those that must be met by an intern to successfully perform the essential functions of this internship. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions.

- Ability to walk on uneven terrain for up to two miles carrying up to 30 pounds
- Ability to lift 40 pounds from the floor
- Ability to climb and work from ladders and climb stairs
- Ability to reach, use, lift and move 20 pounds from shoulder height
- Ability to stand or sit for up to 8 hours with one 30 min break and two 15 min breaks
- Ability to work outside in inclement weather conditions

Stipend: Internship through August receives \$1,100 total living stipend; Rustic housing provided; interns may qualify for Washington State Basic Food assistance. Additional stipend provided if intern can commit through end of October.

To Apply:

Applications consist of a letter of interest, resume, one letter of recommendation, and list of three additional references. Recommendations may be sent separately, but incomplete applications will not be considered. Please ensure your references will be available for contact. **Position open until filled; applications reviewed upon submission, and qualified applicants will be called for interviews immediately.** Please send application materials to Amy Johnson, ajohnson@ptmsc.org.