

Marine Mammal Rescue Practicum



Position Description and Responsibilities

The Marine Mammal Rescue (MMR) practicum placement will enable students undertaking allied courses the opportunity to gain practical experience and earn course credit or gain the experience needed for graduation. This opportunity will provide students with hands-on experience in marine mammal rescue, rehabilitation and the conservation of marine life. ;. MMR is a fast-paced wildlife rescue centre and duties will take place outside in all-weather with some time in an office environment.

Students responsibilities may also include, but are not limited to: food preparation and animal feeding, general cleaning duties and animal habitat maintenance, coordinating transportation of animals to the centre and receiving animals when rescued, animal record keeping data entry and tracking, fielding phone calls, creating and updating paper and electronic spreadsheets, assisting in researching information to aid in animal care, may assist with rescues and releases.

Requirements

- Currently enrolled in a relevant practicum course at community college or university
- Intending to pursue a career as a veterinary technician, veterinarian, marine biologist or wildlife rehabilitator
- Extremely self-motivated with a desire for continuing education and can support themselves
- In good academic standing
- Experienced in the animal care field either paid work or volunteer
- Able to secure the necessary funds for relocation, accommodations and living expenses for the entire placement
- Able to lift 25kg with ease, be in good physical shape and be able to work both inside and outside in various weather conditions

Practicum Dates

August 20 – October 28, 2017 10 weeks, part-time, approx. 150-200 hours (Note: shorter placements or alternate dates possible)

Research Project

Students are responsible for researching and presenting a project on a topic based on their experience at MMR. Topics may be relevant to marine mammal conservation, veterinary medicine or an approved other topic. Practicum students will present a short oral presentation, paper or poster to MMR staff and volunteers before the end of their placement. Topics may include Marine mammal husbandry, Infectious diseases, nutrition, zoonotic diseases, marine mammal anatomy or physiology.

Eligibility

Priority is given to Canadian applicants.

International Applicants must ensure they have all appropriate visas in place before accepting the placement.

Accommodation

All candidates are expected to find their own accommodation in Vancouver. For more information on accommodation and maps, please see resources like the "[Student Guide for Living in Vancouver](#)".

Mission Statement

Our mission is to inspire the global community to become Ocean Wise by increasing its understanding, wonder and appreciation for our oceans.

How to Apply

Please send resume, letter of interest, practicum course requirements or course synopsis and two reference letters to practicum@ocean.org.

Your letter of interest should include:

1. Confirmation you can attend during the specified dates (or details on the dates you would like to volunteer)
2. What experience you have
3. What you hope to gain from the placement and your career goals
4. How you heard about the placement

On review of your application and course requirements applicants will be contacted.

Please note that our preferred method of application is by email to reduce paper use. Thank you for considering the environment when applying.

Good luck to all our applicants. Thank you for your interest in the Vancouver Aquarium's Practicum program.

Questions? Inquiries? Please email practicum@ocean.org

Deadline

August 10, 2017