

# IMMS Education/Aquarist Summer Internship Application

Summer Internship Timeframe Dates: May 24 – July 31\*

Deadline to Apply: May 15th

*Thank you for your interest in our Education/Aquarist Internship through the Institute for Marine Mammal Studies.* Your submission of this application signifies that you have read and are able to comply with the following conditions. Interns must be:

- 18 years or older, and a recent graduate or actively pursuing a college degree in the sciences or education.
- Comfortable working with audiences "K-to-Gray", but especially elementary school aged children. Able to work outside in the HEAT and HUMIDITY typical of summers on the Gulf Coast.
- Able to swim and be comfortable getting in the water everyday
- Able to lift 50 lbs, work long hours on your feet, and work outside in extreme conditions.
- Able to commit to a minimum of at least 10 weeks, 40 hours a week.
- Available to work weekdays, weekends, and holidays. IMMS operates 7 days per week and has some morning and evening programs, so your work week may not be 9AM - 5PM, Monday - Friday.
- Comfortable with public speaking and using a microphone.
- Able to maintain a positive attitude, good work ethic, sense of responsibility, good organizational skills, and a strong willingness to learn.
- Willing to accept the internship as an unpaid position, and financially stable enough to obtain housing and transportation, though IMMS staff will do their best to assist you in making arrangements.
- Comfortable with handling and working with different types of fish, reptiles, rays and sharks.
- Able to comply with IMMS rules and regulations.

## **To Apply –**

Please send the following documents to [hr@imms.org](mailto:hr@imms.org) with "Education/Aquarist Internship" in the subject line

- IMMS Education/Aquarist Internship Application
- Current resume
- References – Provide at least one academic, and one work/volunteer-related reference if possible. Include name, phone number, and email address.
- A copy of your current college transcript. Applicants may submit an unofficial copy. Letters of Acceptance may be considered for incoming freshman.
- A one page statement of interest – In this statement of interest, please include the answers to the questions listed at the end of this application.

Documents must be in one of the following formats - PDF, .doc, .docx, and must be submitted together with your first and last name in the file name. Ex: Jane\_Doe\_Resume, Jane\_Doe\_Application, etc.

The Institute for Marine Mammal Studies is an equal opportunity employer.

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First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Permanent Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you 18 years old or older? (circle): YES NO

Currently enrolled as (circle): Freshmen Sophomore Junior Senior Graduate Other: \_\_\_\_\_

What degree are you working toward/have you earned? \_\_\_\_\_

If selected will you be receiving college credit for this internship? (circle): YES NO

-If yes, please include your requirements for earning credit (journal, presentation, etc.) in the section below. -

Intern is responsible for making all arrangements to receive college credit. -Interns cannot carry out a project at this time.

\*We may be able to offer some flexibility on dates, so please note earliest and latest availability

Earliest Arrival Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Latest Departure Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Questions: Please provide a brief answer to each question using additional paper.

1. What are your opinions about marine species in facilities under human care?
2. What are your expectations for a typical day during this internship?
3. Briefly describe any fish care related experience you may have.
4. Are you willing to participate in physically demanding situations that may require heavy lifting and working in extreme conditions? If no, please explain.
5. Are you willing to work on weekends and holidays? If no, please explain.