

# Ocean Education Internship

## Project Description

Join the Ocean Education Team at the Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History to help in the design, implementation and evaluation of visitor programs and volunteer support efforts focused on the museum's Sant Ocean Hall themes and Earth Optimism. The Ocean Education Team is a dynamic group whose mission is to connect different audiences to ocean science, conservation and scientists through exhibits, activities, programs, and resources.

## Learning Objectives

The intern will learn about and gain skills in informal science education. The intern will have an opportunity to: learn and practice object-based facilitation skills; record and use visitor data; help design and implement education programs and/or events; collaborate with a range of experts such as educators, volunteers, exhibit staff and scientists; and gain knowledge about ocean science, conservation and informal education.

## Specific Duties

The intern will learn to facilitate conversations and cart interactions in the Sant Ocean Hall and Q?rius Education Center; participate in the museum's visitor-experience design process, and assist with priority program development and implementation for Expert is In, World Ocean Day, Earth Optimism and other ocean-themed programs.

## Qualifications

Undergraduate student with a background and interest in science (course work, field work, other) and an interest in science communication and/or teaching. To maximize the project learning outcomes, applicants should have the following qualifications:

- Basic understanding of marine science.
- Ability to cooperate as part of a collective team, while also working independently to reach team goals.
- Self-starter with passion and the ability to plan, organize and establish priorities to meet goals and achieve results according to a timeline with set deadlines.
- Proficient in using Microsoft Word and Excel.
- Able to speak and effectively communicate information to a group.
- Flexible.

## Location

National Museum of Natural History, Washington D.C.

## Department

Office of Education, Outreach and Visitor Experience

## Stipend

\$2,400

## Timeframe

Summer 2020

## Commitment

160 hours

## To Apply

Please send a resume and a cover letter explaining your interests, qualifications, the learning objectives (what you hope to get out of such an internship), and summer availability between May and August to Jennifer Collins at [CollinsJE@si.edu](mailto:CollinsJE@si.edu).

**Application Deadline:** Monday, March 30, 2020

## Contact

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