



Science Communications Intern Announcement

The National Marine Sanctuary Foundation, a private, non-profit organization dedicated to strengthening and promoting U.S. national marine sanctuaries, is seeking a Science Communications Intern for the summer term. The Science Communications Intern will work with the National Marine Sanctuary Foundation staff in Silver Spring, Maryland. This position will assist the Strategic Communications Director in creating and publishing content that promotes the Foundation's work. The internship is unpaid and the term runs for 12 weeks from May to August. The Science Communications Intern will be expected to dedicate at least 20 hours per week to the Foundation.

Overview of Position

The Science Communications Intern will assist in planning and developing written content for the various platforms the Foundation uses to communicate its messages. This position is ideal for a current student with strong communication skills and a knowledge of marine science and policy who may want to pursue a career in environmental preservation or policy. Typical tasks may include:

- Drafting and editing written content to be used in print and online
- Archiving and organizing content
- Brainstorming topics with Foundation staff
- Assisting the Strategic Communications Director in planning and producing content
- Synthesizing current research or achievements in the field into public facing content
- Assisting the Foundation in promoting its annual conference, Capitol Hill Ocean Week

Requirements

- Must be currently enrolled in an undergraduate or graduate program at an accredited college or university. Majors in communications, public relations, public policy, environmental science, marine science, or other related fields are preferred
- Must be available to work at least 20 hours per week
- Must have full availability the week of June 12
- Experience with applications such as Microsoft Word and Google's G Suite
- Strong written and verbal communication skills with an ability to adapt tone and style
- Ability to prioritize projects and deliver on strict deadlines
- Proficient working independently and collaboratively
- Knowledge of marine science policy or environmental policy a plus

To apply

Interested applicants should e-mail a resume and cover letter, three writing samples (one page maximum each), and two letters of recommendation to applicants@marinesanctuary.org with the subject "Science Communications Intern". The deadline to apply is 8:00 am ET on Monday, April 17, 2017.