VETERINARY STUDENT EXTERNSHIP IN MARINE MAMMAL MEDICINE

The Marine Mammal Center Veterinary Externship Program provides veterinary students in their final/clinical year the opportunity to gain exposure to marine mammal medicine, rehabilitation and necropsy. The Marine Mammal Center’s mission is to expand knowledge about marine mammals—their health and that of their ocean environment—and to inspire their global conservation.

The student extern will work under the direct supervision of veterinary staff and volunteers, and students will participate in animal husbandry, stranding response, veterinary examination and diagnostic procedures, surgical and anesthetic procedures, recordkeeping, daily clinical rounds and necropsies. The student will also complete a project during the externship and present the results to the staff and volunteers during the last week of their rotation. The externship is open to US and international students.

The veterinary externship is an unpaid position, and is **ONLY OPEN TO STUDENTS WHO WILL BE IN THEIR FINAL/CLINICAL YEAR OF VETERINARY SCHOOL AT THE TIME OF THEIR ROTATION** at TMMC. Applications for externships between (approximately) March 1- September 15, 2019 are now open. Students will be scheduled for a 4-week block during this period.

Shared housing MAY be available for a fee at a TMMC Guest House located within the Marin Headlands within walking distance of TMMC, however housing is the students’ responsibility and may not be available during part or all the students’ rotation. Transportation is the externs’ responsibility; there is no public transportation to TMMC.

Priority for preferred externship dates is determined according to rank during the selection process. Ranking is based on the above criteria, AND a demonstrated interest in marine mammal medicine.

Applications for 2018 are **DUE NO LATER THAN Friday, December 29, 2017**. Students will be notified of their acceptance into the 2018 program by February 2, 2018.

If qualified, applicants should submit the following materials, preferably as a PDF and saved with the applicants’ name. **ALL APPLICATION MATERIALS SHOULD BE SUBMITTED BY EMAIL**

1. A letter of intent/cover letter, INCLUDING 3 blocks of 4-week long preferred dates
2. Two letters of recommendation from individuals familiar with the applicant’s academic and/or clinical performance.
3. A current curriculum vitae.

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