



**National
Marine Sanctuary
Foundation**

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Sharing Sanctuary Wonders Through Virtual Reality Internship

Location: Greater Farallones & Cordell Bank National Marine Sanctuaries

Supervisor: Justin Holl

Status: Unfilled as of 5/20/2024

Start and End Date: June/July - December 2024

What We Need

The [National Marine Sanctuary Foundation](#), a 501(c)3 non-profit organization that is a leading voice for U.S. protected waters, is seeking a **Sharing Sanctuary Wonders Through Virtual Reality Paid Intern** responsible for leading virtual reality programming that expands recognition and appreciation of the National Marine Sanctuary system. Interns will gain experience that will increase their competitiveness as candidates when applying to future career opportunities.

Specifically, the **Sharing Sanctuary Wonders Through Virtual Reality Paid Intern** will:

- Participate in onboarding including orientation and mentor training on sanctuaries and virtual reality programming (especially 360 video of Cordell Bank National Marine Sanctuary).
- Deliver virtual reality programming and lead program modifications to make VR programming more impactful and relevant to communities.
- Explore other sanctuary programs and careers
- Conduct program evaluation and present final intern presentations to NMSF/ONMS at internship conclusion.
- Based on intern(s) interest, our mentors can support deeper experiences such as filming in 360 with an Insta360 X3 camera and developing video editing skills using Adobe Premiere Pro.

The position is currently **in-office** (Crissy Field Office in San Francisco's Presidio - 991 Marine Drive, The Presidio.)

The National Marine Sanctuary Foundation is committed to a culture of inclusion, equity, and belonging. We are dedicated to attracting and retaining a diverse staff. We honor experiences, perspectives, and unique identities, and welcome the contributions that you can bring to the dedicated team. With a diverse team of employees, we can grow and learn better together and



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achieve our mission to protect the health of the ocean, coasts and Great Lakes for current and future generations.

What You'll Do

Interns will acquire the following skills and experience:

- Technical Experience leading VR presentations with 10-25 Quest2 virtual reality headsets, using Showtime software for synchronized viewing, editing 360 footage in Adobe Premiere, and filming 360 video footage using an Insta360 X3 camera. Mentorship from experienced sanctuary education and outreach staff.
- Integrating existing virtual reality programs at GFNMS/CBNMS into the sanctuary visitor center and pier classroom for the general public as well as for priority community groups and school groups of older students from underserved and lower income communities.
- Expertise in evaluating the effectiveness of using virtual reality footage to engage a variety of stakeholders and explore different options of "next-level sanctuary engagement" after virtual reality experiences.
- Experience listening to reactions and input after virtual reality experiences from a diversity of community groups and exploring community needs for future virtual reality projects.
- Experience engaging classmates and faculty in their internship, presenting to the ONMS and NMSF communities at the end of their internship, and co-creating a final report at the conclusion of their internship.

Who You Are

List required qualifications (and preferred qualifications, if applicable)

- Excellent communicator.
- Confident in learning about and troubleshooting virtual reality technology.
- Motivated to bring programming to communities that have been historically excluded from ocean-related experiences
- Curious about improving programs through evaluation and repetition.
- Pursuing further education or employment in an ocean-related field.
- Enthusiastic about VR sanctuary footage as a tool to inspire and connect with a wide variety of communities.

Why You Will Love Us

The National Marine Sanctuary Foundation ("Foundation") is a leading voice for U.S. protected waters, working with communities to conserve and expand those special places for a healthy ocean, coasts, and Great Lakes. The Foundation works in close partnership with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) to increase stewardship of our ocean and Great Lakes through on-the-water conservation projects, and education and public outreach activities,



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and by support for research. Together, we safeguard species and the places they call home, and support coastal communities and economies.

How to Apply

Apply by emailing a cover letter and resume to rfp@marinesanctuary.org. **Please make sure your email subject includes the title of the internship, “Sharing Sanctuary Wonders Through Virtual Reality Internship”.** Your application will not be reviewed unless the cover letter and resume are attached.

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