



**National
Marine Sanctuary
Foundation**

DISCOVER WONDER

Monterey Bay Explorers Internship

Location: In person

Supervising Mentor: Emely Cortez

Time Commitment: 3-4 hours/week totaling 60 hours for the internship

Total Stipend Amount: The intern will receive 4 stipend amounts of \$250.00 totaling \$1,000.00.

Who We Are

The [National Marine Sanctuary Foundation](#) is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization that supports projects across the National Marine Sanctuary System, a network of nationally significant protected areas in our ocean, coasts, and Great Lakes. This system is comprised of 14 individual sites and spans more than 620,000 square miles across the waters of the United States, from the South Pacific to the North Atlantic. Sanctuaries provide habitat for endangered, threatened, and rare species; preserve historic shipwrecks; and protect sacred cultural seascapes. They are frontiers for education and research, serving as outdoor classrooms for students of all ages to enjoy tide pools and trails of sunken vessels. They are living laboratories for scientists to understand and better protect marine environments. And they offer opportunities for visitors to dive through kelp forests, surf along scenic coastlines, and observe extraordinary sea life, from otters to orcas. The National Marine Sanctuary Foundation is a leading voice for these U.S. protected waters. We work in partnership with communities and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) to support on-the-water conservation projects, education and public outreach, and research to help conserve our waters, for the good of the world and everything in it.

The National Marine Sanctuary Foundation is committed to a culture of inclusion, equity, and belonging. 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 and interns, we can grow and learn better together and achieve our mission to protect the health of the ocean, coasts and Great Lakes for current and future generations.



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What You'll Do

These responsibilities combine hands-on learning with project-based tasks that will offer valuable experiences in environmental education, community engagement, and event management.

- Assist with delivering engaging wharf oceanography activities for 4th and 5th grade students during field trips.
- Assist in the facilitation of field trip activities, providing guidance to students while ensuring their safety and engagement during the trip.
- Mentor and guide small groups of students, assisting them with activities such as planktonology and meteorology.
- Prepare educational materials and set up equipment for oceanography sessions, ensuring that all resources are ready for each class.
- Represent the organization at community outreach events, fairs, and festivals by leading interactive, educational activities that promote environmental awareness.
- Manage and track work hours using a designated timekeeping system (e.g., online form or spreadsheet), ensuring that all hours are logged accurately.

The intern will give a final presentation before concluding the internship. This presentation is meant to give others the opportunity to learn what the intern has learned and was exposed to during their internship.

Who You Are

- Must be BILINGUAL in English and Spanish.
- Comfort with public speaking and leading small groups, especially in educational or community settings.
- Enthusiasm for environmental education and a passion for science or marine life.
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- Organizational skills, including the ability to manage time effectively.
- Coursework or experience in environmental education, science communication, or
- K-12 education (particularly elementary or middle school levels) is a plus.
- Familiarity with a range of software, including Google/Gmail/Spreadsheets etc.
- Communication Skills:



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- o Strong verbal communication skills, including the ability to convey information clearly and effectively.

Time Commitment and Stipend Amount

Interns are expected to work 3-4 hours per week totaling 60 hours for the internship and will receive 4 stipend amounts of \$250.00 totaling \$1,000.00.

How to Apply

Please complete the form application using the following link:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdoWgJC_6AcPuy4ZUQo0K9kYTusC97msvpXVJGVVwryNdFOQ/viewform