



**National
Marine Sanctuary
Foundation**

DISCOVER WONDER

Monterey Bay Explorers Internship

Location: In-Person

Supervising Mentor: Emely Cortez, Bilingual Education Specialist

Time Commitment: 60 hours (2-4 hours/week)

Total Stipend Amount: \$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

The Monterey Bay Explorers Internship offers hands-on learning opportunities through our field trip program, where interns will engage with 4th and 5th graders within Pajaro Valley Unified School District about marine life in Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary. Interns will also have opportunities to support and learn from facilitating educational activities, public events, and interpretive programs on-site in Watsonville and Santa Cruz. Interns will gain experience in program delivery, develop skills in public speaking and K-12 education, and build an understanding of careers within the National Marine Sanctuary system.

Learning Opportunities:

- Participate in field-trips, public events, in-class presentations
- Co-lead programs with Education Specialists
- Practice strategies for keeping students engaged in hands-on learning
- Gain experience repairing materials for events and field-trips

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

Knowledge and skills needed to fulfill job requirements:

- An enrolled college or university student.
- An interest in marine science, environmental education, and working with multilingual audiences.
- Confidence in public speaking and interpersonal skills, or a willingness to try.
- Experience with Google Drive and Google Suite preferred (Sheets, Slides, Docs, Forms).
- Moderate to full fluency in Spanish.
- Working outdoors and indoors.
- Working with K-12th grade.



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Time Commitment and Stipend Amount

One day per week, 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.* on Wednesday, Thursday, or Friday; occasional Saturday 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.* availability (1-3 times throughout the internship)

Interns are expected to work 2-4 hours per week. The stipend will be divided into 4 payments after completing every 15 hours, which will be \$250.

How to Apply

Please complete the form application using the following link:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe_geM_MJLQB3assgjr8Q8wFI1jJx-X-eb6UFogDivZhT7qoQ/viewform?usp=preview