

Cape Ann Whale Watch is accepting applications for its Field Research and Environmental Education Internship. Based in Gloucester, MA and partnered with Planet Whale, our whale watch boat takes between 150 and 250 passengers a day on whale watches in and around the Stellwagen Bank National Marine Sanctuary. We work to educate passengers about marine life and the oceans to foster a sense of importance and personal responsibility in doing a part to contribute to the wellbeing and conservation of the environment. This internship will allow you to gain hands-on experience in research, educational techniques, and the general workings of being on a whale watch boat.

Interns are the core of the education program at Cape Ann Whale Watch. They work collaboratively with the naturalist to help accomplish our goal of educating people about whales and fostering a stronger appreciation and respect for whales and the ocean environment. Educators circulate the boat with hands-on teaching tools to educate the public about whales and their environment. Once the actual whale watching begins, the naturalist provides educational interpretive commentary while the interns collect data on whale behavior and identification for our research.

Interns work 1-2 whale watch trips per day, four to five days per week. In addition to using teaching tools (such as a sample of whale baleen or a 3-D model of Stellwagen Bank), interns are available to answer passengers' questions on a wide variety of topics- everything from whale behavior to ocean conservation. Interns are also expected to help with the general functioning of the whale watch vessel and provide a harbor tour to passengers at the beginning of each trip. In addition to responsibilities during whale watch trips, interns are expected to attend and participate in weekly meetings, which cover topics of interest and relevance, and also provide opportunity for reflection and development among the group of educators. Finally, interns are expected to complete a project of their choice- past examples include creating a new teaching tool or developing a slide show for passengers to view while on board.

Past interns have received degrees in biology, psychology, education, French, history, philosophy, etc. **You don't need to be a biology major to apply, and prior experience is not required- training is provided on the job!** We are looking for individuals who will make the most of the amazing opportunities this internship provides. This internship is geared for college students and recent college graduates, however, anyone who is interested in helping Cape Ann Whale Watch and the educators/researchers or in learning about whales is encouraged to apply. We are looking for individuals who are passionate about whales and the ocean environment. Applicants for this position should feel comfortable with public speaking, teaching in small groups, and working with the general public. The application deadline is March 1, **however early application is strongly encouraged.** Applicants will be notified by the end of March. The whale watching season begins in early May and it runs through October. During this time, we ask that people can devote at least 10 weeks to the internship.

This is an unpaid internship, and housing is not provided, but we will work with all the interns to find something suitable. It is your responsibility to arrange for college credit if you choose to do so.

If you are interested please send a resume, cover letter, two written letters of recommendation, and an unofficial transcript to:

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For any further questions, contact Laura at the email address provided.