

The Center for Coastal Studies (CCS) has three summer research internship openings in its Humpback Whale Studies Program. CCS is a nonprofit institution dedicated to understanding and conserving coastal and marine resources. Our longitudinal studies of whale populations have advanced science, improved understanding of human impacts and aided in the protection of critical habitats. Many CCS research interns have gone on to productive careers in science or conservation.

We are seeking highly motivated, independent individuals with a career interest in marine mammal science. Applicants must have completed at least their sophomore year in college with a major in a relevant scientific discipline. Post-grads and graduate students are welcome to apply. Summer interns must make a full-time commitment from June 1 through August 31, but we will consider starting dates as early as May and ending dates as late as November.

Interns would participate in humpback whale field research in the near- and offshore waters of the Gulf of Maine, including a multiple week survey of US and Canadian waters. They would gain exposure to a range of field research techniques, such as photo-identification, biopsy sampling and tagging. In the office, interns would learn data management and analysis skills and undertake tasks such as data entry, photographic matching and cataloging. They would also perform assigned scientific readings and assist with project analyses. An independent project may also be undertaken, depending on the length of the internship.

Candidates must be able to live and work well in close quarters, be able to swim and not be prone to serious seasickness. They should be prepared to work long days in the field, including weekends and holidays as needed. Interns will be required to provide evidence of health coverage during the internship period.

This is an unpaid internship based in Provincetown, Massachusetts. Interns must arrange for their own housing, transportation and living expenses. Applicants are advised that the cost of living on Cape Cod is high, particularly during the summer. We do not offer college credit but will assist qualified interns in applying for credit from their home institution. International applicants must secure their own Visas or other required documentation.

How to Apply

Application materials must be e-mailed to internships@coastalstudies.org with the following text in the subject line: "2015 HW RESEARCH INTERNSHIP" The application package should include the following:

- 1) A letter of interest (500 words or less) describing your specific interests in marine mammal science, what qualifies you for this internship and how it would advance your career. Please provide this as an attachment and not in the body of the e-mail.

- 2) A 1-2 page curriculum vitae emphasizing relevant experience and coursework, including grades and overall GPA (note that a transcript may later be requested).

- 3) The names and contact information of two references (professors or supervisors).

Application materials should be submitted as soon as possible and no later than March 31, 2015.

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