DESCRIPTION
Our unique internship program provides students with an opportunity to participate and receive training in a wide range of marine mammal and sea turtle experiences. Participants work for school credit and volunteer their time within a specified area of interest. Many of our interns have continued to volunteer following completion of their internship. Candidates have also demonstrated the benefits of their internship by successfully securing employment within the marine biology field or with their enrollment within advanced degree (M.S. or Ph.D.) programs.

COMPENSATION
These are unpaid internships and students are required to register for academic credit(s) from their academic institution (college or university) for a minimum of 120 hours (10 hours per week).

SEASON
Internships are available year round for the spring, summer, or fall semesters. Winter intersession internship opportunities are available where students work 4-5 days a week.

AVAILABLE INTERNSHIPS
Marine Mammal & Sea Turtle Animal Husbandry
Stranding Investigations/Pathobiology
Education
Research
Business/fundraising
Marketing/social media
IT/database management/website

INTERNSHIP DESCRIPTIONS
Marine Mammal and Sea Turtle Rescue Team
Interns assist staff biologists and program volunteers with all responses, releases, treatments, and mortality investigations of stranded marine mammals & sea turtles found within New York State. Specific duties include: all preparation and delivery of food to animals receiving care, enclosure cleaning and maintenance, facility cleaning and maintenance, water quality testing, assistance with medical and husbandry treatments (blood analysis, data entry) and general tank repairs and maintenance.

Stranding Investigations/Pathobiology
Interns will assist with mortality examinations and the subsequent processing of data and samples. Students will assist with the maintenance of pathobiological facility and assist with teaching and outreach lectures and necropsies.
• Applicants should have a basic background in: biology, environmental studies, marine biology, or animal science. Applicants should be in good physical condition and able to lift 40 lbs. Prior training with marine mammals &/or sea turtles is a plus, but not a requirement.

**Education**
Interns will assist the education staff and volunteer docents with educational programs such as lectures, tours, beach cleanups, mock strandings, seal cruises and more; Interns will design educational programs, create PowerPoint presentations; Design and prepare educational artifacts such as marine mammal and sea turtle skulls, skeletons, etc.

• **Rescue Center Guide**
Provide guided tours for the in the rescue center within the Long Island Aquarium. Interns will provide information on the research, conservation and rescue programs while promoting stewardship and public awareness of the marine environment. Interns will be tasked with providing lectures, slide show and PowerPoint presentations, and assisting with the development of new programs/curriculum.
  o Applicants should have training in public speaking, and be able to communicate effectively. Computer knowledge is a plus.

• **Special Projects**
Preparation of artifacts, assemblage of skeletal artifacts for display.

• **Graphics/Exhibits Designer**
Development of new interactive, informative displays and exhibits for the rescue center.

**Research**
Interns will assist the research program staff and volunteers with selected research projects inclusive but not limited to marine mammal aerial surveys, seal haul out surveys, seal cruise data, and marine mammal and sea turtle post release tagging.

**INTERNSHIP REQUIREMENTS**
• Applicants must be undergraduates registered at a two or four year college or university.
• Applicants must have a basic background (taken the relevant courses) in the area he/she is applying.
• Students must be able to work a minimum of 120 hours (10 hours per week) for the semester he/she is applying.
• Students should receive academic credit from their academic institution (college or university).
• Applicants must have his/her own transportation.
• Applicants must have his/her own lodging.
• Applicants should also be responsible, reliable, mature individuals, who work well as a team or independently.

**APPLICATION PROCESS**
Complete the application below.
Submit resume.
Include three letters of references from a professor or employer on the appropriate letterhead. Personal references will not be accepted.
Schedule an interview.
Applicants are encouraged to contact the school to determine school requirements and obtain approval.
Please submit all materials together and send via email, fax, or regular mail.

Email
internships@riverheadfoundation.org

Fax
631.369.9826

Mailing Address
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467 East Main Street
Riverhead, NY 11901
Attention: Internship Program

Questions? Call 631.369.9840.

**DEADLINE TO APPLY**
Fall Internship – August 15
Spring Internship – December 15
Summer Internship – May 1

If you are applying for a semester, which deadline has already passed, please contact us to discuss the possibilities of applying.
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INTERNSHIP PROGRAM APPLICATION

First Name: ____________________________________________________________

Last Name: __________________________________________________________________

Address1: ________________________________________________________________

Address2: __________________________________________________________________

City: __________________________________________________________________

State: __________________________________________________________________

Zip: __________________________________________________________________

Home Phone: _____________________________________________________________

Cell Phone: ______________________________________________________________

Email: __________________________________________________________________

School: __________________________________________________________________

Major: __________________________________________________________________

Minor: __________________________________________________________________

Expected Graduation Date: __________________________________________________________________

Faculty Advisor: __________________________________________________________

Faculty Advisor Phone: ____________________________________________________

Faculty Advisor Email: ____________________________________________________

Semester Applying - Season/Year: ___________________________________________

Area of Interest: __________________________________________________________________

Number of Credits: __________________________________________________________________

Availability - Hours Per Week: __________________________________________________________________
Days Available: ______________________________________________________

Experience: ______________________________________________________

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Computer Experience: ______________________________________________________

Driver License Number and State: ______________________________________________

Relevant Skills: _____________________________________________________________

Hope To Gain From Internship Experience: ______________________________________
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