



MAUI OCEAN CENTER
THE AQUARIUM OF HAWAII

Internship Requirements

Description

Maui Ocean Center offers 6 academic internship positions annually and internships may begin at any point in the year. Students must complete 75 hours (college level) or 40 hours (high school level). Applications are accepted throughout the year but are reviewed each November for placement during the following year. Interns are not provided with any remuneration.

How does an intern benefit from experience at Maui Ocean Center?

- Apply the knowledge learned in your academic program in real-life scenarios.
- Gets hands-on professional experience in the Education department shadowing a Marine Naturalist and behind the scenes shadowing a Curatorial team member.
- Develop interpretive and teaching skills while working with the public.
- Learn what it takes to care for and exhibit Hawai'i's valuable marine life.
- Have a great time while working with a diverse staff.

What does an intern do?

- Participate as a Marine Naturalist engaging the general public in conversation about Hawai'i's marine life.
- Give structured marine themed presentations for people of all ages.
- Learn and practice aquarium techniques for caring for tropical marine life.
- Learn how marine life displays are created and what goes into their design.

What are the eligibility requirements?

- Must be a minimum of 16 years old (with specific educational & liability requirements for juveniles regulated by the Department of Education – see application).
- Preference is given to students currently enrolled or accepted for enrollment at an accredited school or university or recent graduates studying marine science, aquarium systems, interpretation, environmental education or related fields.
- Certain duties with the Curatorial department will vary depending on experience and scuba certification level, if certified.

How are interns selected?

The Director of Education reviews applications every November and interviews potential candidates prior to acceptance. Selection is based on an applicant's educational direction, interest in Hawaiian marine life, cultural studies, animal husbandry, and their future career plans. Selections are made after the first of the year.

How much does an internship cost?

The Maui Ocean Center provides training and experience at no fee to the intern. We do not offer a stipend, assistance with housing or meals, or assistance with transportation.

How do I apply for an internship?

If you are interested, please submit a cover letter and cv/resume to the address listed below or as attachments in an email. The cover letter should not exceed one page and should clearly describe the applicant's educational & career goals and how an internship at Maui Ocean Center will help them to achieve these goals. Submitted resumes should have an objective, any relevant work or volunteer experience, educational background and references and is not to exceed two pages. Submission of an application and resume can be done at any time throughout the year and will be reviewed on an annual basis or as positions become available. Applications will be kept on file for one year.

Where do I send my application?

- **Mail:** Maui Ocean Center, 192 Ma'alaea Rd, Wailuku, HI 96793
- **E-mail:** tfernandez@mauiocenter.com

Please put the following in the subject line;

- **Internship Inquiry – Jane Doe (your name)**
- **Due Date:** November (of the previous year)