

Internship Requirements

Description

The Maui Ocean Center has up to 5 academic internship positions available each year and suggests that interns complete a minimum of 75 hours. However, hours may exceed 75 depending on the requirements of your academic program. Internships may begin at any point in the year. Interns are not entitled to any wages or stipend for the time spent in the internship, nor any allowances for housing or transportation. Additionally, the intern is not entitled to a job at the conclusion of the internship.

What does an intern do?

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

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

- Apply the knowledge learned in your academic program in real-life scenarios.
- Get hands-on professional experience in both the Education and curatorial departments.
- Develop interpretive and verbal presentation skills while working with the public.
- Learn how to care and provide habitat for Hawaii's marine life.
- Have a great time and gain valuable experience while interacting with a diverse staff.

What are the eligibility requirements?

- Must be at least 16 years of age.
- Must be a currently enrolled student or accepted for enrollment at an accredited educational institution and needing to fulfill an academic requirement.

How are interns selected?

The Education Manager reviews applications and interviews potential candidates. Selection is based on an applicant's educational direction and program requirements. Additionally, interest in Hawaiian marine life and cultural studies, animal husbandry, and future career plans will also be taken into consideration.

How much does an internship cost?

The Maui Ocean Center provides training and experience with no fee assessed to the participating intern.

How do I apply for an internship?

If you are interested, please submit a cover letter and resume to the address listed below or as attachments on an email. The cover letter should not exceed one page and should clearly describe your career goals and how an internship at Maui Ocean Center will help you to achieve these goals. Submitted resumes should not exceed 2 pages and have an objective, relevant work experience, educational background and references. Submission of an application and resume can be done at any time throughout the year and are reviewed on an individual basis. Applications will not be kept on file for more than one year.

Where do I send my application?

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