

Marine Mammal Rescue Assistant Practicum

Position Description:

The Marine Mammal Rescue (MMR) Assistant Practicum Placement is for students required to gain practical experience in the field of wildlife rehabilitation. This animal care role assists the staff and work in conjunction with the volunteer team. This position is also responsible for maintaining quarantine levels and preventing cross contamination.

Duties include general husbandry, admitting animals with staff, meal prep and gavage feeding, administering subcutaneous fluids, wound management, preparation of medications, working as a team with volunteer teams and staff members, weighing animals, observation and monitoring of animals, record keeping, assisting with in-field assessments, potential to assist with rescues and releases.

Eligibility:

Successful Applicants should be:

- Currently enrolled in a relevant practicum course at community college or university
- Intending to pursue a career as a veterinary technician, veterinarian, marine biologist, or wildlife rehabilitator
- Experienced in the animal care field (as staff or a volunteer)
- In good academic standing
- In good physical shape (able to lift 25kg with ease) and be comfortable working both indoors and outdoors in all weather conditions

****Priority is given to Canadian Applicants****

Practicum Dates:

The MMR Practicum is offered twice per year: Summer and Fall.

Summer:

- June-Sept
- 10 week placement
- Full time (35-40 hours/week)
- **Deadline to apply is 1 March**

Fall:

- August-End of October
- 10 week placement
- Part time (15-20 hours/week)
- **Deadline to apply is 20 June**

Ocean Wise Mission Statement:

Our mission is to inspire the global community to become Ocean Wise by increasing its understanding, wonder, and appreciation for our oceans.

How To Apply:

1. Register in the Volunteer Impact Database (on our webpage or through: <http://btrr.im/is01c>)
2. Select 'Marine Mammal Rescue Assistant Practicum Summer 2020 or Fall 2020' in the drop-down menu when prompted.
3. Upload your Application Documents:
 - a. Resume
 - b. Letter of Interest
 - c. One Letter of Reference

**** incomplete applications will not be considered****

Questions? Inquiries?

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Good luck to all our applicants!

Thank you for your interest in the Vancouver Aquarium's Practicum Program.