

Office of National Marine Sanctuaries Education Volunteer Internship



Education Volunteer Internship

To apply, please email a cover letter, sample lesson plan, and resume to:
sanctuary.education@noaa.gov.

The NOAA Office of National Marine Sanctuaries serves as the trustee for a network of underwater parks encompassing more than 600,000 square miles of marine and Great Lakes waters from Washington State to the Florida Keys, and from Lake Huron to American Samoa. The network includes 13 national marine sanctuaries and Papahānaumokuākea and Rose Atoll marine national monuments.

Our mission is to protect and enhance these natural and cultural treasures for future generations through scientific research, management and education.

What We Offer

We invite you to join a dedicated and enthusiastic team at the NOAA Office of National Marine Sanctuaries where you will gain invaluable resume-building experience and an insider's perspective from the nation's leader in ocean conservation and management. As a volunteer intern, you will work on a variety of projects focusing on lesson plan development. This remote internship will allow the intern to work from home while maintaining regular contact with the NOAA Office of National Marine Sanctuaries education team.

Position Description

The Education volunteer intern will be a member of the Education and Outreach Division, working primarily with the National Education Specialist. As a member of the education team, the volunteer intern will primarily work on lesson plan development. This includes formatting lesson plans into our existing system-wide template, aligning existing lesson plans to national standards (NGSS, Common Core, etc.), and creating original lesson plan content to teach about ocean and climate literacy and the importance of national marine sanctuaries in protecting the ocean for future generations. This is a great opportunity for students working on education degrees to gain experience as well as for retired teachers to continue providing support in their field of expertise.

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Major Responsibilities

- Assist with developing, writing and proofreading educational materials.
- Develop original curricula and lesson plans to teach about ocean and climate literacy and national marine sanctuaries.
- Assist in formatting existing lesson plans to fit in the Office of National Marine Sanctuaries lesson plan template.
- Work to align existing lesson plans with national standards such as Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS) and Common Core.
- Assist in special projects for the Education and Outreach Division as needed.

Desired Qualifications

- Fluency with Microsoft Word, Excel and PowerPoint.
- Excellent writing and copyediting skills using AP style.
- In-depth knowledge of best practices for teaching and learning.
- Experience creating original lesson plan content.
- Experience aligning lesson plans and curricula with the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS) and Common Core.
- Strong work ethic; attention to detail and impeccable organizational skills; ability to prioritize and meet deadlines.
- Creativity and adaptability.
- Interest in and experience with marine conservation.

Expectations

- Ability to work both independently and as part of a team.
- Able to commit to a *minimum* of four hours of work time per week.

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