



VETERINARY STUDENT EXTERNSHIP 2026

The Pacific Marine Mammal Center rescues, rehabilitates and releases marine mammals and inspires ocean stewardship through research, education, and collaboration. As part of our mission of education, the Pacific Marine Mammal Center offers a 4-week externship for veterinary students that provides experience in marine mammal medicine, rehabilitation, husbandry, necropsy and research.

The extern will work under the direct supervision of the veterinarians, as well as assist animal care staff and volunteers with daily care and feeding of the patients. Externs will participate in pinniped (and occasional cetacean) triage, physical examinations, medical treatments, anesthesia, biological sample collection, radiography, ultrasonography, endoscopy and surgery depending on the needs of the patients at the time of their externship. In addition, externs will participate in live animal stranding response and necropsy, including pinnipeds and cetaceans.

Externs will be required to complete a small project. Results will be presented to Pacific Marine Mammal Center staff and volunteers, with the potential of completing a research project that can be presented at a conference and/or published in a peer-reviewed journal.

Applications for the 2026 veterinary externship program (**January 1st, 2026 - August 1st, 2026**) are now open. Students will be scheduled for 4-week blocks during this time. This is an unpaid position. Preference will be given to students who will be in their final clinical year of veterinary school at the time of the externship. Travel, transportation, and housing will not be provided and is the responsibility of the extern. Please note that housing in this area can be expensive and plans should be made accordingly.

Applications are **DUE NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1st, 2024** and will be reviewed as they are submitted. Students will be notified of their acceptance into the 2026 program on or before February 1st, 2025.

To apply, please include the below materials (PDF saved with the applicant's name):

1. Cover letter, including three preferred 4-week blocks (if the student's schedule is completely open for several months, please indicate that as well)
2. Curriculum vitae and three professional references
3. One letter of recommendation from an individual familiar with the applicant's academic and/or clinical performance (these can be submitted to Hospital@pacificmmc.org directly from the writer)

All materials should be submitted via email no later than Friday, November 1st, 2024:

To: Hospital@pacificmmc.org

Subject: 2026 Veterinary Student Externship Program

Attn: Dr. Kaylee Brown