



VETERINARY INTERNSHIP 2025-2026

Location: Laguna Beach, California

Dates: July 2025 – July 2026 (Dates are flexible based on availability; Opportunity for second year)

Salary and benefits: \$55,000/year; Full health benefits; Intern is responsible for travel and housing

Application Due Date: **December 1, 2024**

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, we offer a **one-year clinical veterinary internship, with the possibility of a second year for a veterinary fellowship or collaborative master's degree program**. This program provides training in marine mammal and wildlife medicine, rehabilitation, husbandry, necropsy, and research for veterinarians interested in pursuing a career in marine mammal medicine, conservation, and research.

The veterinary intern will be trained by our clinical veterinarians, medical team, and animal care specialists. This veterinary internship will provide experience in pinniped husbandry, physical examination, medical treatments, anesthesia, phlebotomy, radiography, ultrasonography, endoscopy and surgery. In addition, the selected candidate will participate in marine mammal stranding response, triage, stabilization, transport and necropsy of pinnipeds and cetaceans.

The intern will have the opportunity to pursue one or more clinical or research projects, with the goal of presentation at a professional conference and a publication in a peer-reviewed journal. In addition, the intern will mentor veterinary externs and visiting graduate students during their clinical rotations through the Pacific Marine Mammal Center, as well as work with our animal care volunteers, docents, and education teams.

Requirements and Preferences

- Must have a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (DVM, VMD) from U.S. AVMA accredited veterinary school
- Must have or be able to obtain a State of California veterinary medical license prior to or within 1 month of starting internship
- Must have previous experience as a veterinarian; preferred completion of a one-year clinical veterinary internship (or equivalent general practice experience) in small, large or exotic animal medicine
- Must be able to lift 50 pounds, be able to work outdoors in all weather conditions, and maintain a safe work environment
- Hours and availability: 40 hours per week; Must be available for after-hours emergencies, weekends, and holidays
- Preference will be given to those with marine mammal, wildlife, and/or research experience
- Ability to provide high quality medical care to patients
- Excellent communication skills and ability to work in a collaborative manner
- Ability to accurately and effectively complete electronic medical records

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

1. Cover letter (Including available start date)
2. Curriculum vitae and three professional references
3. One letter of recommendation from an individual familiar with the applicant's clinical performance

All materials should be submitted via email no later than Sunday, December 1st, 2024:

To: Hospital@pacificmmc.org
Subject: 2025 Veterinary Internship Program
Attn: Dr. Kaylee Brown