

SEA TURTLE RESEARCH INTERNSHIPS

Karen Beasley Sea Turtle Rescue and Rehabilitation Center

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**Department of Biology and Marine Biology
and Center for Marine Science,
University of North Carolina Wilmington**

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**KAREN BEASLEY SEA TURTLE
RESCUE AND REHABILITATION CENTER**

MISSION STATEMENT

- **The conservation and protection of all species of marine turtles, both in the water and on the beach**
- **The rescue, rehabilitation, and release of sick and injured sea turtles**
- **To inform and educate the public regarding the plight of all sea turtles and the threat of their extinction**
- **To provide an experiential learning site for students of biology, wildlife conservation, and veterinary medicine from around the world**

The Sea Turtle Internship Program offers students the opportunity to work hands on with endangered and threatened sea turtles, while earning credit at the University of North Carolina at Wilmington

**APPLICATIONS ARE AVAILABLE FROM
DR. WILLIARD, FRIDAY HALL 2071**

BIO 498—INTERNSHIP IN BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES

Gain practical field experience and training through a specialize program of work and study at the Karen Beasley Sea Turtle Rescue and Rehabilitation Center at Topsail Beach, North Carolina. Students are supervised and evaluated jointly by a biology faculty member and the Director of the Karen Beasley Sea Turtle Rescue and Rehabilitation Center. In general, students work about 6 hours each week during the fall or spring semester to earn 3 hours of internship credit, which may count towards the Marine Biology or Biology degree requirements. A final report of internship activities and an exit interview are required at the end of the internship period.

NOTE: Students interested in the more intensive summer internship program (worth 6 credit hours) must send their application to the Director of the Center. Instructions for applying for the summer internship program are provided on the Center's website (<http://www.seaturtlehospital.org/interns.html>). Only 3 credits apply towards Biology elective, the other 3 credits apply towards general electives. Students work about 18 hours each week during the summer to earn 6 hours of internship credit. Housing is provided for summer interns.

REQUIREMENTS

- Open to all majors in Marine Biology or Biology
- Applicants must be rising Juniors or Seniors (59 credit hours or more)
- GPA of 2.00 or higher
- Permission of instructor required
- Must be able to provide own transportation to Topsail Beach
- Textbook required
- Proof of health insurance required

OBJECTIVES

- Acquire direct and experiential knowledge of sea turtle biology
- Develop communication skills

DUTIES INCLUDE

- Assist in preparing food for sea turtle patients
- Assist in care of sea turtle patients
- Maintain daily logs of activities performed
- Assist the Director with other programs and responsibilities as needed
- Assist in keeping the Karen Beasley Sea Turtle Rescue and Rehabilitation Center, including tanks and surrounding areas, neat and clean

ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

- Potential to work with personnel at the N.C. Museum of Natural Sciences
- Potential to work with personnel at the College of Veterinary Medicine at N.C. State University
- Potential for additional research or teaching experience

INTERN SELECTION

- Intern selection is competitive and will be based on the candidate's academic performance, past field and educational experience, leadership and communication skills, and enthusiasm

APPLICATION DEADLINE: Please return completed applications to Dr. Williard (Friday Hall 2071) by Thursday, **25 October 2018.**

**APPLICATION
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Spring 2019**

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Name: _____ Student ID number: _____

Address: _____

Local phone number: _____ email: _____

University(ies) attended: _____ Dates: _____

Current GPA (you must have a GPA of 2.0 or higher to participate): _____

Junior/Senior standing (circle one) Expected graduation date: _____

Relevant coursework and grades (indicate courses are in progress with a grade of IP):

Past field and educational experiences (not mentioned above)

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Please indicate why you want this position and what unique qualities you can offer the sea turtle research program.

Signature

Date