Coastal & Marine Education Internship

MarineQuest education interns will dive into coastal and marine informal education! This position aims to prepare individuals for a position working as an informal environmental educator with interest in coastal and marine science. Inters will be trained on the legal and safety issues associated with working with youth as well how to translate sophisticated science to youth. They will work closely with MarineQuest coordinators in the development and delivery of lessons for K-12 informal education. Interns will also be trained on how to properly use different types of laboratory and field equipment and how to teach others to use the equipment.

Number of positions offered: 1 position fall semester & 2 positions spring semester

How to apply: Any interested applicants should send a cover letter, resume, and essay of intent to morane@uncw.edu.

Deadline for application: August 10 for fall internships and December 10 for spring internships

Intern’s Objectives/Career Goals: To work as an informal environmental educator with an interest in coastal and marine science.

MarineQuest’s Objectives: To develop marine/coastal environmental educators based on our mission:

“To offer quality programming that provides young people with opportunities to explore, discover and value our marine habitats and encourages them to develop into environmentally responsible adults.”
**Opportunities/Benefits for Intern:**

- Practice curriculum development and creating hands-on inquiry-based lessons
- Training in how to align lessons to education standards/literacy principles (to serve school children)
- Training in how to translate sophisticated science into material that kids can understand
- Practice in lesson delivery in the lab and in the field
- Practice lesson evaluation and evaluation of delivery
- Training of laboratory and field equipment
- Complete IUCAC training
- Learn and practice DNER permitting for field collection
- Training on specific legal and safety issues associated with working with youth
- Training in how to assess customer needs/preferences (schools and families)

**Requirements of Intern:**

- Must have good academic standing and at least a standing Junior
- Must report to internship on time
- Required time commitment: 40 hours for ASL credit or 120 hours for practicum credit
- Demonstrate a willingness to learn. Ask questions – we are here to help you develop your knowledge and skills. Have a positive attitude 😊
- Complete all assignments in a timely manner and according to MarineQuest standards.
- Dress appropriately. When working with K-12 students must wear the provided MarineQuest shirt, clean jeans or khaki pants or shorts (no short-shorts permitted) and comfortable, closed toe shoes.