

## Office of National Marine Sanctuaries: Volunteer Internship



## Strategic Partnerships Outreach Volunteer Internship(s)

The Office of National Marine Sanctuaries manages a system of 14 marine protected areas covering more than 150,000 square miles of ocean and Great Lakes waters from the Hawaiian Islands to the Florida Keys, and from Lake Huron to American Samoa.

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

### What We Offer

The Office of National Marine Sanctuaries (ONMS) provides a dynamic work experience. We are a unique government office, one of only a few that manage marine protected areas, and situated in the heart of marine conservation for the federal government, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. The graduate students would join a dedicated and enthusiastic team at the ONMS, gaining valuable resume-building experience and an insider's perspective from the nation's leader in ocean conservation and management.

Volunteer graduate students will work on the projects described above on a team that includes expert staff from all across the program, including our communications team, educators, socio-economists, scientists, managers, and policy experts. They would have the opportunity to interact with the members of our Business Advisory Council that currently include representatives from National Geographic, Rockefeller Foundation, Coca-Cola, Walt Disney Parks, Jet Blue, Johnson Outdoors, and Trip Advisor, among others. All of our interns and volunteers are encouraged to attend marine conservation events, lectures, conferences and receptions that provide terrific networking opportunities. We are flexible in providing opportunities for career development and personal enrichment for our interns and can help tailor the graduate student's experience, including using his or her volunteer experience as a capstone or other thesis project.

We are located in dynamic downtown Silver Spring, only a short walk from the metro.

### Position Description

Starting in the fall term of 2015, we are seeking volunteer graduate students in MBA programs with an emphasis on sustainability and in MFA programs with an emphasis on creative writing to help us identify our stories and then find new, meaningful ways to tell those stories in formats and lexicons meaningful to different, untraditional audiences.

## Major Responsibilities:

- Assisting in building/revising a new section of our website devoted to engaging untraditional audiences, particularly the corporate and business sector;
- Helping develop hard copy and digital products for the same purposes;
- Helping develop and prepare a business plan that outlines priority conservation projects and programs for potential partners and sponsors;
- Helping develop other ideas for engaging and investing untraditional partners in marine conservation;
- Assist in special projects as needed; and
- Others as agreed to by the intern and sponsor.

## Desired Qualifications:

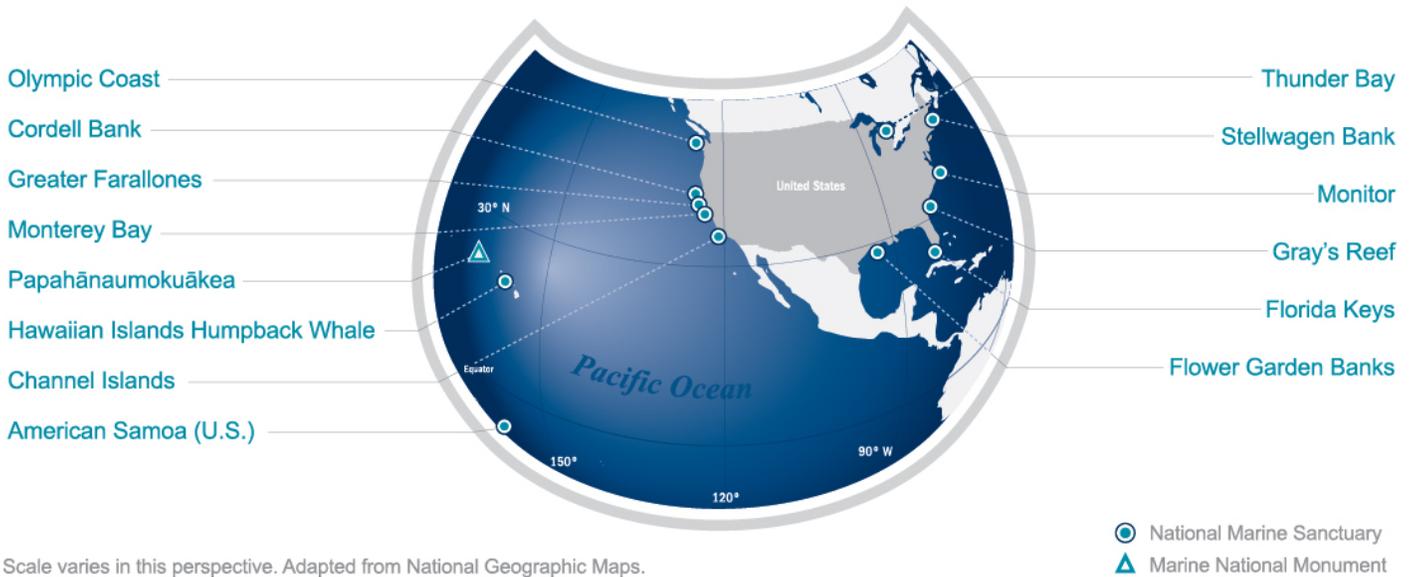
- Interest in and/or knowledge of the marine environment and conservation issues
- Knowledge of the corporate and business sector (for MBA students)
- Motivated self-starter who enjoys both working independently and collaboratively
- Bright, creative, and eager to find humorous and meaningful ways to communicate our stories
- Must be a U.S. citizen.

## To Apply:

Please send a cover letter, writing sample and resume to:  
Elizabeth Moore, Chief of Staff for Strategic Partnerships and Projects  
at elizabeth.moore@noaa.gov

We are ideally seeking volunteer graduate students who can start in the Fall 2015 semester.

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