



Internship Program at Alaska SeaLife Center

The Alaska SeaLife Center (ASLC) currently sponsors an internship program for college students or recent college graduates who are interested in gaining an educational experience in a world-class marine facility. The Alaska SeaLife Center is dedicated to understanding and maintaining the integrity of the marine ecosystem of Alaska. We achieve our mission through research, rehabilitation, conservation and public education.

Opportunities are available in the following areas:

- Interpretation – Avian
- Interpretation – Mammals
- Interpretation – Dive
- Interpretation – National Park Service
- Marine Climate Change
- Marine Spatial Planning
- Fund-raising/Public Relations
- Sales & Marketing
- Laboratory Assistant
- Harbor Seal Research
- Steller Video Monitoring – Chiswell Project
- Avian Husbandry
- Eider (Sea Duck) Husbandry
- Aquarium Husbandry
- Marine Animal Stranding Program



ASLC internships offer a well-rounded, educational experience working in a variety of areas within the Center. Depending on the type of internship, duties may include assisting aquarium, avian or marine mammal staff with animal husbandry tasks; helping visiting research teams with marine-related research projects; teaching and/or preparing lessons in our education department; assisting in marketing, accounting, development or computer graphics. Interns will be required to participate in a variety of areas and all interns are required to participate to some extent in the interpretive aspects of our operation.

Program Information: Program designed for College students or recent college graduates • Full time (40 hours/week) • Requires a minimum requirement of 12 weeks • Housing provided • Stipend provided • No college credit required • Intern responsible for travel expenses • Foreign students must obtain a J-1 visa to participate.

“It’s a great place to kick-off your career, get experience and learn what you like.”

- A recent intern at Alaska SeaLife Center

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The Alaska SeaLife Center is one of the only non-profit organizations in the world that has both a public aquarium and fully supported research facility in the same building. With state-of-the-art laboratories, aquarium animals that participate in research and our extensive field work, the Alaska SeaLife Center has quickly become the cold-water research facility in the United States. We are affiliated with the University of Alaska Fairbanks and also collaborate with numerous state, federal and international agencies and universities—which can mean only one thing—our research is conducted by some of the top marine scientists in the world!

For nearly a decade, the ASLC has been studying the marine ecosystems of Alaska and the species who call it home. This includes species of marine mammals, sea birds, fish and invertebrates—some of which have been listed as threatened or endangered species. But the Alaska SeaLife Center is perhaps best known for specializing in marine mammal and sea bird research. Since 1998, the Alaska SeaLife Center has helped pioneer research on Steller sea lions, eiders, harbor seals, sea otters, fur seals and other species experiencing population declines in Alaska. In all our efforts, we strive to develop cutting-edge technology and techniques, while minimizing our impact on the species and environment we study.

The Alaska SeaLife Center Science Department currently includes dedicated programs for pinnipeds (seals and sea lions), eiders, sea otters and salmon. Newly added to the suite of species-focused programs is an oceanographic program that will compliment a more ecosystem-based approach towards understanding the Alaska marine environments.



Agency Mission Statement

The Alaska SeaLife Center is dedicated to understanding and maintaining the integrity of the marine ecosystem of Alaska. We achieve our mission through research, rehabilitation, conservation, and public education.

Research

Center-based research projects help scientists discover reasons for declining marine animal populations and environmental changes.

Rehabilitation

The Alaska SeaLife Center provides care for sick and injured marine animals, yielding important information about wildlife populations.

Education

From early education to Elderhostel, the Alaska SeaLife Center educational programs and presentations are designed to expand the public's knowledge of Alaska's marine ecosystems.

Exhibits

The many exhibits at the Alaska SeaLife Center immerse visitors in Alaskan marine ecosystems and provide opportunities to watch animals in naturalistic habitats as well as research settings.

