Sea Turtle Hospital at UF Whitney Lab Summer Internship
The Sea Turtle Hospital at UF Whitney lab is now accepting Sea Turtle Husbandry and Education Program Intern applications. The application deadline is April 15, 2017. Please note this internship is non-compensatory and intern housing is not provided by the Sea Turtle Hospital at UF Whitney Lab.

The Sea Turtle Hospital at Whitney Lab is a sea turtle rehabilitation, education, and research facility located in St. Augustine, Florida. Our hospital mostly cares for juvenile green sea turtles afflicted with Fibropapillomatosis. We are a very small and new facility and rely on volunteers and interns to assist in our daily tasks.

This internship is geared for those interested in helping us grow our program. Interns are required to help in the daily care of patients including tank cleaning, life support system maintenance, and food preparation. Interns may also be called upon to assist in medical procedures and educational programs/outreach.

During the course of their internship, interns are required to complete a project which is of interest to them but also benefits the hospital.

What you will learn:
1. Sea turtle husbandry skills
2. Basic life support system maintenance skills
3. Sea turtle life history
4. Public speaking and environmental education skills

Duties:
- Assist with dead and live stranding response of sea turtles. This includes assisting in necropsies, data/sample collection, animal disposal, and clean-up.
- Assist staff with daily administrative tasks including office/gift shop organization, answering phones, taking messages, and data entry.
- Assist in daily care of patients undergoing rehabilitation by preparing meals, feeding, cleaning (mopping floors, washing laundry, siphoning tanks, washing dishes, etc.), tank repairs, and other tasks as assigned.
- Assist with public outreach and educational events.
- Assist with sea turtle camp by preparing activities and crafts. You will also be responsible for teaching some of the lessons.
- Assist volunteers with their daily tasks and assist with training new volunteers.
- Develop and complete an independent, staff approved, project and 15 minute presentation for staff and volunteers. Project should be of interest to the intern, but must beneficial for the hospital.

What we require:
1. You must be a rising senior enrolled in a college or university and at least 18 years of age.
2. You must be in good physical condition and able to lift over 40 pounds and stand/work for several hours a day in northern Florida heat and humidity/other adverse conditions.
3. A valid US driver’s license.
4. Ability to use Microsoft programs such as word, excel, powerpoint, etc.
5. Able to work independently as well as part of a team.
6. Self-motivated, articulate, mature, reliable, responsible and able to take as well as give directions. Applicants should also be friendly and outgoing as they will be working with volunteers and members of the general public.

A complete Sea Turtle Hospital at UF Whitney Lab Intern application packet must include the following components:
- Cover letter
- 2 letters of recommendation (one must be from an academic instructor)
- Statement of intent: 1 page describing how you intend to use the internship experience to assist in career or academic goals.
- Resume
- College transcript(s)

**Details:**
Internship dates are flexible depending on students’ class schedules. Preferably internships will occur from mid-May to August. Interns are required to work 3-4 days per week depending on the hospital’s schedule.

This position is unpaid.

Housing is not provided.

To apply, please send cover letter, resume, and three letters of recommendation to Catherine Eastman at cbeastman@whitney.ufl.edu.

Do not call to check on the status of your application, we will let applicants know via email when the decision process is complete and a decision has been made.