



Marine Mammal Internship

Hunstanton SEA LIFE Sanctuary is offering a unique opportunity to gain hands on work experience with the rescue and rehabilitations our marine mammals.

Available exclusively during the summer months, the internship will offer students the chance to learn about the rescue, rehabilitation and release of abandoned and injured common seal pups, as well as gain hands on experience working with them in our seal hospital. The timing of the internship coincides with the main pup season of The Wash, and interns can expect to go out on rescue missions as well as working in the centre.

The placement requires a full-time commitment of 40 hours per week, over 12 consecutive weeks from June to August. Placements start on a Monday and finish on a Sunday, with students receiving two days off a week. These days of are subject to the needs of the centre and students will be expected to work at the weekends, and some evenings. Previous marine mammal experience is not required, although a pre-existing interest in Pinnipeds and an animal care background would be an advantage.

Daily Work Schedule

The type of work varies depending on the number of pups brought into the centre but typical duties will include:

- Preparing the daily feeds, including nutritional supplements and drugs
- Cleaning out the pup pens and pools, and hospital.
- Daily feeding and rehabilitation husbandry of the pups
- Assisting in medical examinations, treatments and sampling
- Attending seminars and tutorials.
- Assisting with rescues &/or releases of seal pup
- Assisting in the husbandry of the resident seals
- Daily feeding, training and enrichment of the resident seals.
- Maintaining animal clinical and husbandry records
- Maintaining equipment, facilities and supplies
- Visitor interactions & giving presentations
- General duties in the day to day running of the Sanctuary

Please note, this list is just a guide. Interns may not be able to complete all of the tasks during their placement. The welfare and safety of the pups is our number one priority.

Qualifications

All applicants must have achieved 5 GCSE's including Maths, English and Science and should be in full time education. Preference is given to Veterinary students and those gathering experience for a Veterinary degree. We do take mature students and those looking at getting into the industry with relevant interest and experience.

Applications Submissions

To apply for a SEA LIFE Work Experience Placement, download and complete the application below. Your application pack must include:

1. The Application Form
2. A Statement of interest
3. The Medical Form

Statement of Interest

Please include a 1–2 page typed statement of interest that explains your reasons for applying, your background information, your interests, your academic and field related experiences, your personal goals for the SEA LIFE placement.

You can mail the submission pack to the address below or email to HunstantonACT@Merlinentertainments.biz

Hunstanton SEA LIFE Sanctuary
Southern Promenade
Hunstanton, Norfolk
PE36 5BH

Work Experience Availability Dates

The placement will take place between 6th June and 29th August.
The application deadline for the internship is March 1st.

Applicants will be notified of their acceptance or non-acceptance within a week after the application deadline.

Successful candidates will be expected to commit to the full work experience placement and be able to support themselves financially. Proof of rights to work in the UK should be brought into the centre on the first day of the placement. These placements are unpaid and no accommodation is offered, however we can assist in finding accommodation if necessary. Candidates should be comfortable dealing with members of the public and giving presentations, as well as handling raw fish. The centre is a fast-paced work environment and students will learn quickly and be expected to perform a variety of tasks, as well as taking initiative.

Proof of right to work in the UK.

All volunteers at the Hunstanton SEALIFE Sanctuary must comply with the Immigration, Asylum and Nationality Act 1996 by providing the appropriate documentation listed below either in advance or on the first day of the work placement.

It is the responsibility of the volunteer to ensure that the documentation is correct and in date.

Failure to provide the required documentation will result in the work placement being terminated or postponed until the documentation is provided, as it is a legal requirement that this paperwork is recorded by the centre.

ONE piece of documentation from List 1 can be provided.

List 1 (these documents generally establish an ongoing entitlement to work in the UK).

- A passport showing that you are a British Citizen or that you have the right to abode in the United Kingdom.
- A document showing that you are a national of a European Economic Area Country or Switzerland. This must be a national passport or national identity card.
- A residence permit issued by the Home Office to a national from a European Economic Area Country or Switzerland.
- A passport or other document issued by the Home Office which has an endorsement stating that you have a current right of residence in the United Kingdom as the family member of a national from a European Economic Area Country or Switzerland who is resident in the United Kingdom.
- A passport or other travel document endorsed to show that you can stay indefinitely in the United Kingdom, or has no time limit on your stay.
- A passport or other travel document endorsed to show that you can stay in the United Kingdom; and that this endorsement allows you to do the type of work we are offering if you do not have a work permit.
- An application Registration Card issued to an asylum seeker stating that you are permitted to take employment. This must be the actual card, NOT an acknowledgement letter or IS96W Immigration service letter, which may state you can work in the UK.

If this is not possible, then TWO pieces of documentation from List 2 must be provided from the two combinations given.

List 2

Combination 1

- A document giving your permanent National Insurance number and name. This could be a P45, P60, National Insurance Card, or a letter from a Government agency.

AND one of the following

- Your full birth certificate issued in the United Kingdom, which includes the names of your parents.
- Your full birth certificate issued in the Channel Islands, the Isle of Man or Ireland.
- A certificate of registration or naturalisation stating that you are a British Citizen.
- A letter issued by the Home Office to you which indicates that you can stay indefinitely in the United Kingdom, or have no time limit on your stay.
- An Immigration Status Document issued by the Home Office to you with an endorsement indicating that you can stay indefinitely in the United Kingdom, or have no time limit on your stay.
- A letter issued by the Home Office to you, which indicates that you can stay in the United Kingdom **and** allows you to do the type of work we are offering.
- An Immigration Status Document issued by the Home Office to you with an endorsement indicating that you can stay in the United Kingdom **and** allows you to do the type of work we are offering.

Combination 2

- A work permit or other approval to take work that has been issued by Work Permits UK.

AND one of the following

- A passport or other travel document endorsed to show that you are able to stay in the United Kingdom and can take the work permit employment in question
- A letter issued to you by the Home Office confirming that you are able to stay in the United Kingdom and can take the work permit employment in question.

The following documents are **not** acceptable:

- A Home Office Standard Acknowledgement letter or Immigration Service Letter (IS96W), which states that an asylum seeker can work in the UK.
- A temporary National Insurance number beginning with TN, or ends in E to Z inclusive.
- A permanent National Insurance number in isolation.
- A driving licence NOT issued by the DVLA.
- A bill issued by a financial organisation or a utility company.
- A passport describing the holder as a British Dependant Territories Citizen.
- An abbreviated birth certificate issued in the UK, which does not have details of at least one parent.
- A licence issued by the Security Industry Authority.
- A document checked by the Criminal Records Bureau.
- A card or certificate issued by the Inland Revenue under the Construction Industry Scheme.