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Subject: Intern coordinator position - Dolphin Research

The Bottlenose Dolphin Research Institute (BDRI) <https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=http-3A__www.thebdri.com_&d=CwICaQ&c=-Ngd-ta5yRYsqeUsEDgxbqcsYYY1Xs5ogLxWPA_2Wlc4&r=e2O1IazRFn8ihJzb2HxZT0AqoiqLvxfeeTyN59ZLoI&m=tPW6SVuR4VHDVhsMHFKRKKWTg1AcbZbmVrDs4pauJswI&s=SVOQUiOcdK88PGO7Uazw9lpMPBiqPzQOWBQKmxphSuE&e=>, is a marine science centre dedicated to promote the conservation of marine mammal species and their habitat through education and research.

On behalf of the BDRI, I am pleased to announce that we are currently accepting applications for the following:

INTERN COORDINATOR

This position is responsible for assisting the BDRI biologists in the running of the "Marine Mammals Research Project in Galician waters, Spain" <https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=http-3A__www.thebdri.com_research_projects.html_&d=CwICaQ&c=-Ngd-ta5yRYsqeUsEDgxbqcsYYY1Xs5ogLxWPA_2Wlc4&r=e2O1IazRFn8ihJzb2HxZT0AqoiqLvxfeeTyN59ZLoI&m=tPW6SVuR4VHDVhsMHFKRKKWTg1AcbZbmVrDs4pauJswI&s=-I7nE3_u5iHQyJZihAsrmKSZ5tmFOU1cvae0pFh9onOQ&e=> and coordinating the interns participating in the project.

Start Date: January 2017

End Date: October 2017 (start and end dates could be flexible, lasting a minimum of 6 months)

Responsibilities will include but are not limited to:

- * Assisting the BDRI's biologists in all phases of the research and organization.
- * Coordinate between the BDRI's biologists and the interns - in charge of the intern shared house.
- * Assisting the BDRI's biologists in intern basic training of land- and boat based surveys, photo ID studies, Database entry, Bioacoustical analysis, GIS, and more.
- * Assisting the BDRI's biologists with all aspects of marine mammal stranding response, including live animal health assessment and triage, opportunistic public outreach, biological data collection, and sampling from dead stranded marine mammals.

Requirements:

- An academic background in biology, veterinary or natural science, coupled with motivation, willingness to work hard and interest in marine mammals research make the most qualified individuals. The successful applicant is expected to have a BSc degree (or higher) and able to demonstrate previous experience in marine mammal research.
- The preferred candidate should have a proven track record as a team player as the project will involve working closely with other participants but also must be able to supervise small groups of people as they will be coordinating up to 9 interns. They must also be self-motivated with the drive and determination to work independently and responsibly.
- Must be of good physical fitness, be able to lift/carry 35lbs (16 kg), walk long distances in difficult terrain, be comfortable on boats in nearshore/offshore waters, able to swim, and work in harsh weather conditions at times.
- The intern coordinator must be able to follow written and oral staff directions and protocols effectively.
- The intern coordinator must be able to spend many hours on the water, on shore, and working in the lab. Laboratory work days typically last 6 hours and field days typically exceed four hours and occur approximately two-three times per week. There will be one/two days off per week.
- Fluent in English.

Additional Information

This post brings the opportunity to be trained by the BDRI researchers. This position is unpaid but accommodation in the intern shared house will be covered. Successful applicants will be responsible and their own expenses, including food and travelling to and from the research centre in O Grove, Galicia, Spain.

The project is based in O Grove, North-western coast of Spain and offers the participants the chance to work during many steps of the field research and data analysis. The main purpose of this program is to contribute towards a more detailed understanding of the ecology and behaviour of bottlenose dolphins and harbour porpoises, with a focus on ethology, social structure, habitat use, and communication. Furthermore, as the Galician coastline is known for frequent strandings of various marine mammals species, the BDRI is part of an important national network for rescue and data collection from these stranded animals.

The intern coordinator is required to attend five days per week, which may include weekends and holidays. Since weather conditions are unpredictable, applicants with flexible daily schedules are preferred. The candidate should be prepared to perform in a variety of settings on any given day, including boat-based, laboratory, and strandings work.

To apply:

Applicants must be authorized to legally remain in Europe for more than 3 months if they are not European citizens. International applicants will be considered, but it is the responsibility of the applicant to acquire necessary visas and documentation. The internship position requires the commitment for the full session (at least 6 months, between January 2017 - October 2017).

Interested candidates should submit an application with the following:

- A cover letter including your availability, i.e. preferred time period (1 page only);
- A resume describing training, experience and relevant skills (2 pages only);
- Names and contact information of at least one reference.

Please send these items as e-mail attachments (PDF preferred) to: severine@thebdri.com
Please specify BDRI INTERN COORDINATOR into your subject title.

For more information about BDRI's research and conservation work, please visit www.thebdri.com and our Facebook page.

Deadline: 18th December 2016. Interviews (via Skype) will be arranged for selected candidates.

Applicants will be notified of the outcomes by the 22nd December 2016.

Regards,

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