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The Bottlenose Dolphin Research Institute (BDRI) <https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=http-3A__www.thebdri.com_&d=DwIFaQ&c=Ngd-ta5yRYsqeUsEDgxhcqsYYY1Xs5ogLxWPA_2Wlc4&r=e2OJ1azRfN8ihJzb2HxZT0AqoiqLvxfecaTyN59ZLoI&m=hL8Y0473HCPP5sTkLkubW9J23BuD9g5vZ-L3dqEY--4&s=grmmLsOTT6ymZUSWkuwe13wxFOpUWMuGSxExiBf7oDk&e=>>, a marine science education centre, invites applications for research internships in a dynamic, international, and qualified research environment.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION - The project is based in the North-western coast of Spain (Galicia), an important hotspot for cetaceans. Overlooking the Atlantic Ocean, and an important area of upwelling, Galicia is considered to be one of the most productive oceanic regions on the world. No fewer than 22 cetacean species have been recorded in Galician waters over the years. Some, such as common bottlenose dolphins, short-beaked common dolphins, harbour porpoises, minke whales, Risso's dolphins, long-finned pilot whales, humpback whales, fin whales, and blue whales have been recorded by the BDRI team in 2017.

At BDRI, interns are an important part of the team always under the supervision and training of experienced researchers. BDRI is a place where students develop laboratory and field research skills and get hands-on experience working with a professional team of marine mammal scientists. Becoming part of our research team, you will get a unique perspective on our research work. This is more than just a training experience - it is a great opportunity to get your resume off to a marvellous start, have fun, and gain experience that will last a lifetime. As an intern, you will be encouraged to work hard and gain an insight of what it is actually like to work as a marine mammal researcher. Moreover, BDRI is a cooperative regional stranding network partner and works to respond to cetaceans, seals, and marine turtles strandings.

Interns will be trained to participate with multiple research projects involving a combination of boat-based and land-based surveys, laboratory work (photo-identification, GIS, data transcription, bioacoustics, diet analysis, diving behaviour, video analysis, database work, etc), and strandings (response, rescue, necropsy, and data collection). The BDRI is a very international environment, and the everyday working language is English. Laboratory work days typically last six hours and field days typically exceed seven hours and occur approximately three-four times per week (weather dependent). There will be two days off per week.

HOW TO APPLY – The internship is open to all applicants 18 years of age or older. An academic background in biology, veterinary or natural science, coupled with motivation, willingness to work hard and interest in field research make the most qualified individuals. Internship start and end dates are flexible but the position requires a minimum of 30 days continuous commitment sometime between 8th January 2018 through to end November 2018.

Undergraduate and postgraduate student thesis projects can also be supported.

The BDRI is a private and self-funded centre, hence, there is a tuition fee including the training, supervision, accommodation in an apartment, use of research equipment, use of facilities and research vessels, and other expenses derived of your participation (access to wifi in the apartment, kitchen utensils, electricity, taxes, etc). Successful applicants will be responsible for their own transportation expenses to and from the research centre (O Grove, Galicia, Spain).

Interested candidates should submit an application with the following:

- A cover letter including your availability;
- A resume describing training, experience and relevant skills;
- BDRI's application form, you can download from <www.thebdri.com/resources/downloads/applicationinternships.doc>

Please send these items as e-mail attachments (PDF preferred) to: severine@thebdri.com

Approved applications are accepted on a first-come, first serve basis. Positions are open until filled.

For more information about BDRI's research and conservation work, please visit <https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=https-3A__www.thebdri.com&d=DwIFaQ&c=Ngd-ta5yRYsqeUsEDgxhcqsYYY1Xs5ogLxWPA_2Wlc4&r=e2OJ1azRfN8ihJzb2HxZT0AqoiqLvxfecaTyN59ZLoI&m=hL8Y0473HCPP5sTkLkubW9J23BuD9g5vZ-L3dqEY--4&s=T7LD3W2a8gPI5JjRPjHU1_TQwaNiIMQV4UCIXFZMLuw&e=>> or our Facebook page.

Best regards, and see you in Galicia!

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