



POLICY AND RESEARCH INTERN ANNOUNCEMENT Fall/Winter (September 2019 – February 2020)

The National Marine Sanctuary Foundation supports and strengthens the national system of marine sanctuaries and plays a vital role in connecting the American public to the ocean through these special places. By actively engaging both Congress and the Administration, the Foundation works to increase federal resources and support for national marine sanctuaries and to focus attention on legislative and executive initiatives affecting sanctuaries. Through sanctuaries, the Foundation seeks to promote sound ocean and Great Lakes policies that improve resource protection, strengthen scientific understanding, forge partnerships, and enhance ocean governance. Through our efforts, national leaders become better equipped to make informed and coordinated decisions and better connected to their sanctuaries and communities that can improve the overall health and sustainability of the ocean, coastal, and Great Lakes ecosystems now and for the future.

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The intern's primary responsibility will be to assist the Foundation's Policy and Conservation Director and Capitol Hill Ocean Week Manager with ongoing programs designed to achieve the goals listed below.

Legislative Goals:

- Maintain and increase sanctuaries budget and appropriations levels
- Enlarge, expand and strengthen the National Marine Sanctuary System, including current sanctuary expansions and new designations
- Engage on legislation and regulatory actions directly affecting sanctuaries
- Plan for a national sanctuary fly-in with local sanctuary constituents
- Connect local sanctuary leaders to their federal elected officials
- Improve the visibility, credibility, and leadership of the Foundation to key decision makers in support of national marine sanctuaries

Education and Outreach Goals:

- Plan Capitol Hill Ocean Week, the premier ocean policy conference held annually in DC, and other related events
- Re-establish and build the National Marine Sanctuary Caucus
- Support communities interested in nominating and designating new sanctuaries
- Arrange briefings and meetings promoting sanctuary-related issues and success stories
- Create and promote communications materials and products

Activities: Tasks associated with fulfilling these goals are likely to include researching and analyzing sanctuary-related policies and issues, generating target lists for Congressional and partner engagement, developing and executing an outreach strategy, drafting letters and other communications materials, and planning briefings and meetings with Members of Congress and Congressional Committees, the Administration, and partner entities.

Qualifications:

- Bachelor's degree or near completion
- Exceptional writing and analytical skills
- Experience creating communications materials



- Ability to perform under tight deadlines
- Demonstrated initiative, ability to work both independently and with others
- Attention to detail and highly organized
- Ability to work quickly and prioritize multiple projects
- Familiarity with a range of software, including Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint
- Experience working with the Administration, the Hill, and/or marine and/or environmental organizations
a plus

How to Apply:

Please send cover letter, resume, and 1-2 writing samples (3 pages max per sample) to applicants@marinesanctuary.org with subject line 'Policy and Research Internship'.