

Internships and summer research opportunities in Marine Mammals Science in Spain.

The Bottlenose Dolphin Research Institute (BDRI) <<http://www.thebdri.com/>>, is a marine science centre dedicated to promote the conservation of marine mammal species and their habitat through education and research.

The project is based in the North-western coast of Spain (Galicia), an important hotspot for cetaceans, and offers the participants the chance to work during many steps of the field research and data analysis. No fewer than 22 cetacean species have been recorded in Galician waters over the years. Some, such as bottlenose dolphins, harbour porpoises, short-beaked common dolphins, and mink whales have been recorded quite frequently by the BDRI since 2014.

Program Description:

The BDRI internship program is an exciting opportunity for students and recent graduates interested in a career in marine science to obtain field and laboratory training in marine mammals and marine birds research. Interns can expect to gain a solid foundation in ecology and sociobiology with a focus on cetaceans ethology, habitat use, and communication. 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. 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, 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.

Intern Responsibilities & Qualifications:

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. This post brings the opportunity to be trained by the BDRI' researchers in data collection and processing. A strong interest in marine biology and conservation, self-motivation, and the desire to spend long hours in the field and office are required. The field schedule is variable and involves working at night (as part of our new research project about nocturnal/acoustic behaviour of bottlenose dolphins) and during the day. Laboratory work days typically last six hours and field days typically exceed seven hours and occur approximately several times per week. Weekends are generally off.

Internship start and end dates are flexible but the position requires a minimum of 30 days continuous commitment sometime between 1st July through to end November 2017.

The BDRI is a private and self-funded centre, hence, there is an internships/tuition fee including the accommodation in an apartment, supervision, training, use of equipment, and other expenses derived of your participation (access to wifi, field trips, use of

research vessel). Successful applicants will be responsible for their own transportation expenses to and from the research centre (O Grove, Galicia, Spain).

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

Please download the internships general information at:
<www.thebdri.com/resources/downloads/internships.pdf>

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

Best regards, and see you on site!

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