



Science Writing Intern

About CMSI

UC Davis established the Coastal and Marine Sciences Institute (CMSI) in July 2013 to become a world-leading interdisciplinary research and educational institute, focusing on the economic, ecological and social challenges of rapidly changing and increasingly crowded coastal and ocean environments. CMSI leverages our physical presence near one of the most productive and economically valuable marine ecosystems in the world, a world-class marine laboratory and natural reserve at the epicenter of this ecosystem, broad faculty expertise, and a long history of addressing challenges facing the coastal systems upon which so many rely for food, economic support and recreation.

Intern Job Description

The Science Writing Intern will work on a variety of content-focused projects (faculty/researcher profiles, blogs, vlogs, flyer/brochures/e-book, and/ or podcasts) including but not limited to writing web-friendly summaries of scientific research, revising current content as necessary, identifying areas of improvement and expanding website content accordingly. The Intern will be instrumental in building CMSI's public presence on the web; working closely with CMSI's Executive Director and administrative support with guidance for the Office of Research Director of Marketing and Communications and Public Information Representative, Environment.

Intern Job Requirements

The successful candidate will have:

- Excellent written communication (editing and writing for web experience preferred)
- Strong interest in the sciences and environment (science major preferred)
- Passion in communicating technical and scientific information to non-scientists
- Excellent time management skills, and the ability to work independently and as part of a team
- Desire to own and deliver independent projects
- Experience in multimedia editing (preferred)

The candidates should be able to commit 10-15 hours a week, at least two days a week, starting this quarter and would work for remainder of the school year and possibly into the summer.

Intern Job Benefits

Intern will join the CMSI Team and work in a positive and dynamic environment. The position offer the chance to build on existing talents, learn new skills and gain valuable experience building a new Institute on campus under the guidance of communications professionals. Interns have the option of working non-business hours, depending on their schedule and as schedules change each quarter.

This is a volunteer internship (for credit) with the possibility of transition to paid position after two quarters of work.

How to Apply

To apply for an intern position, please send a cover letter, resume and three writing samples to Sherri Mann smmann@ucdavis.edu with "CMSI Science Writing Intern" in the subject line. Candidates are encouraged to include a link(s) to your body of work.

Three writing samples (not to exceed four pages/sample) can include the following: 1) blog entries or web content; 2) op-ed or commentaries 3) press releases; 4) technical summaries or policy briefs; and/or 5) academic papers.