

Marine Mammal Rescue Husbandry Assistant Practicum (2022)



Position Description:

The Marine Mammal Rescue (MMR) Husbandry Assistant Practicum Placement is for students required to gain practical animal husbandry experience in the field of wildlife rehabilitation. This animal care role provides animal husbandry assistance to the veterinary and research staff. Students work in conjunction with the staff and volunteer teams. This position is also responsible for maintaining quarantine levels and preventing cross contamination.

Key duties:

- General husbandry, meal prep and gavage feeding
- Admitting animals with staff
- Administering subcutaneous fluids, wound management, preparation of medications
- Working collaboratively with volunteer teams and staff members
- Weighing animals, observation and monitoring of animals, and record keeping
- Assisting with in-field assessments
- Potential to assist with rescues and releases

Practicum students are also required to complete a communications project covering a relevant topic which must be completed and presented by the end of their placement.

Eligibility:

Successful Applicants should be:

- registered in a course or program that requires a practicum placement in animal husbandry or wildlife rehabilitation. (UBC students eligible for the APBI 496 are encouraged to apply.)
- in good academic standing
- familiar with animal handling
- capable of working as a member of a team with minimal day-to-day direction and supervision.
- self-motivated with a desire for continuous learning
- able to hand the physical aspects of the role including safely lifting and carrying 30 kgs
- be comfortable working outdoors in all weather
- at least 19 years of age

****Priority is given to Canadian Applicants****

Practicum Dates:

Practicums are offered between June - October 2022.

Summer:

- June-September, 10-week placement
- Full time (35-40 hours/week) *

Fall:

- August-October, 10-week placement
- Part time (15-20 hours/week)

Application Period:

- MMR Husbandry Assistant Practicum applications are open from January 1 – February 15, 2022.
- Candidates invited for an interview will be contacted by February 28, 2022

How To Apply:

1. Register in the Volunteer Impact Database <http://btr.im/3rkri>
2. **Select** 'Open – 2022 Marine Mammal Rescue Husbandry Practicum' in the drop-down menu when prompted.
3. **Upload** your Application Documents:
 - a. Resume/CV
 - b. Letter of Interest

Your letter of interest should include:

- i. Which practicum you are applying for
 - ii. How you heard about the placement
 - iii. Your relevant skills, experience, and education
 - iv. Your learning and career goals
 - v. Dates of availability for a 2022 practicum placement
4. Submit via **EMAIL**: 2 Letters of Reference (**NOTE: Please have your referees send their letters of reference directly to rescuevolunteers@vanaqua.org**)

Deadline: February 15, 2022

**** incomplete applications will not be considered****

Questions? Inquiries?

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