



DAN RESEARCH INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

What is the DAN Research Internship Program?

The DAN Research Internship Program is designed to provide education and experiences that motivate young people towards careers in diving-related fields and/or scientific endeavors while supporting DAN's research efforts.

The program will run primarily from late May through August (minimum three-month commitment), and interns are recruited largely from undergraduate students at colleges and universities across the United States (post-graduate students, and periods other than summer will be considered, if appropriate). Research interns are placed usually at DAN headquarters or with host facilities, when appropriate, where they will participate in projects matched to their interests and ability. The range may include field, laboratory and/or epidemiological studies.

Most research interns work closely with mentor experts to maximize their learning opportunities. Interns work on a variety of projects, gaining experience in many elements of the research process. The focus and depth of experience is influenced by the duration and timing of the internship period. (Note: The placement duration may be extended on an individual basis, if appropriate.)

Objectives

The primary goal of the research internship is to provide a meaningful opportunity for individual professional development. Academic credit may be available for students registered in educational programs while completing the research internship.

Recruiting Process

Candidates complete an application form, submit curriculum vitae/resume, two letters of reference and a cover letter (maximum of two pages in length; 11 pitch font) reviewing personal history and interests, aspirations, and making a case for acceptance.

Candidates must be 20 years of age (by June 01 of the application year), with an educational track in a science field preferred. Strong candidates for this competitive program will have excellent communication and organizational skills, an established commitment to diving, and goals that would benefit from participation in the program. The application deadline is January 31. Candidates may be interviewed via telephone after submissions have been reviewed. Interns will be notified of selection decisions by early March.

Deliverables

Tasking and obligations of interns are negotiated with mentors. Research interns typically assist in data collection and work on a variety of assignments to develop their practical skills, critical thinking, and technical communication expertise. Writing projects include a review of their experience that may be used in full or part in any DAN publications including *Alert Diver*, *On Board*, the DAN website, research newsletters and press releases.

Budget

DAN will cover room, board and related expenses. Interns will be given an advance check to reimburse incurred costs. In turn, interns are required to keep an expense log of all incurred costs and submit these weekly to the internship administrator.

To submit an application or for additional information, please contact:

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