Marine Mammal Care Center Los Angeles
Veterinary Student Externship 2027

Marine Mammal Care Center's veterinary externship program provides veterinary students in their clinical years of veterinary school the opportunity to gain exposure to marine mammal medicine and rehabilitation. Students will participate in animal husbandry, stranded animal response and triage, biological sampling, diagnostic imaging (which may include radiography, ultrasound, and endoscopy depending on patient needs), clinical procedures, anesthesia, and necropsies. Students will work closely with MMCC's veterinary, hospital, and response staff as well as animal care volunteers.

Each student will complete a project during the externship and present the results to the staff and volunteers during the last week of their rotation.

Externs will be accepted for **3 or 4-week blocks** between **March 1 and May 30, 2027**. Externships are unpaid positions. Travel, housing and transportation are not provided and are the responsibility of the extern.

Qualifications and Experience
Veterinary students enrolled in clinical year (end of third year through fourth year) of veterinary school; open to international students. Demonstrated interest in marine mammal and wildlife health and pathology.

How to Apply
Please submit via e-mail the following materials per the instructions below:
- Letter of Intent, including 3 options for 3 or 4-week long preferred blocks
- Curriculum vitae
- One Letter of Recommendation
- 3 Professional References

Applications are due no later than **Friday, January 2, 2026**. Students will be notified of their acceptance into the 2027 program by February 15, 2026.

All applications need to be submitted via e-mail to hospital@marinemammalcare.org, preferably as PDF, with "veterinary student externship" in the subject line. Letters of recommendation should also be sent directly to hospital@marinemammalcare.org with the applicant's name as part of the subject line.