MATE Internship Program
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2020 Update

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Internship Program Overview

• MATE Internship Program started with a NSF/UNOLS grant in 1999

• Help meet demand for multi-skilled marine technicians

• Provide opportunities for mentoring/training by marine technicians working on science missions aboard research vessels

• Over 370 interns placed; over 200 on UNOLS vessels

• Funding for each year,
  • 1 long-term (6 month) and
  • 12-15 short-term (2-16 week) internships

• Support available to lengthen each internship
What the community gains

**Hosts/Mentors:**
- Extra help on board, enthusiastic, eager to learn
- Direct involvement training next generation of marine technicians
- Preview of best graduates from marine technology programs for hiring!
- UNOLS Fleet uses Internship Program to recruit new talent

**Interns:**
- Job experience essential for employment, often the most important step; with best role models
- Better understand the diversity of ocean careers
- Hands-on experience with cutting-edge technologies not available at educational institutions
2020 Program Impacted by Pandemic

- 14 internships on 9 different vessels were planned for 2020, 1 was long-term
- 4 interns placed due to COVID-19 related restrictions
- 2 internships canceled mid-cruise or ended early
- 2 internships converted to land-based/dock-side
- 2 internships extended to long-term
- Program funding extended ~ new opportunities 2021
Bailey Armos

Hosted by the Bermuda Institute of Ocean Sciences
R/V Atlantic Explorer
Lydia Sgouros

Hosted by the University of Rhode Island
R/V Endeavor
Current position: Marine Technician, R/V Atlantic Explorer, BIOS
Kaitlyn Beardshear

Hosted by the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution
R/V Atlantis with the Alvin Team
Currently working on the Alvin Upgrade
Intern selection process

• Consider hosting interns in 2021

• Complete the online host form to request an intern

• MATE coordinator carefully matches candidates to host’s requirements

• Hosts receive a shortlist of top candidates to choose from

• MATE Coordinator assists with
  • Complete hiring process
  • Pre-boarding requirements
  • Booking travel, including breaks
  • Logistics during internship as needed

• MATE pays for travel, land-based lodging, intern stipend
You are great mentors and role models! THANK YOU ALL WHO MAKE IT POSSIBLE!!

Please use the following link to request an intern:

2021 MATE At-Sea Internship Program Host Form

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