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Our World-Underwater Scholarship Society Announces 2010 Rolex Scholarships and North American Summer Internships

For more than 35 years the Our World-Underwater Scholarship Society (OWUSS) has offered experience-based educational scholarships and internships. Our goal is to foster the development of future leaders of the marine environment by investing in young people who are interested in an underwater-related career.

2010 Rolex Scholarships for North America, Europe and Australasia

For 2010, three year-long Rolex scholarships will be offered: one in North America, one in Europe, and one in Australasia. The Rolex Scholarship provides a hands-on introduction to underwater and other aquatic-related careers. The scholar travels primarily within his or her region but may have opportunities throughout the underwater world. The range of experiences may include active participation in field studies, underwater research, scientific expeditions, laboratory assignments, equipment testing and design, photographic instruction, and other specialized assignments.

A scholar's itinerary emphasizes breadth of experience but is also tailored to the individual scholar's background and interests. This includes time with specialists in such areas as biology, hyperbarics, anthropology, and archaeology. Scholar hosts include scientists, engineers, filmmakers, and marine mammal researchers. Visits to dive store operations, classes in underwater photography, and working with conservation organizations are also typical experiences.

During the course of the year, exposure to a wide array of types of work and the chance to actually jump in and experience specific jobs provide scholars with invaluable career-deciding opportunities. The scholarship emphasizes hands-on experience in activities that will contribute to a well-rounded education and a broad network of contacts.

2010 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION DEADLINE: DECEMBER 31, 2009

2010 North American Summer Internships

The OWUSS Summer internships are offered for a 1 to 3 month period and are primarily directed at college undergraduates and graduating seniors. Internship recipients receive a grant to help fund travel to/from site, room and board, and a stipend to cover living expenses.

For the summer of 2010 the OWUSS is pleased to announce the following 6 internships based in North America:

- **American Academy of Underwater Sciences (AAUS) Scientific Diving Internship**

This internship provides hands-on experience for a student who is interested in pursuing a future career in science, diving for research, or scientific diving-related fields. The program includes training at an AAUS organizational member site, which will give the intern the necessary dive qualifications to allow participation on research projects requiring scientific diving. The training also introduces the intern to careers that utilize scientific diving as a tool. Once trained as an AAUS-recognized diver-in training, the intern will participate in underwater field-work at one or more research facilities associated with AAUS.

- **Aquarena Environmental Education Internship**

Located at the Edwards Aquifer in San Marcos, Texas, this internship offers an interdisciplinary context for education and research in nature and heritage tourism. Day-to-day operations at the Aquarena center offer a variety of opportunities for students interested in the practical aspects of the emerging field of environmental education.

The intern's responsibilities will be divided among aquatic maintenance, science diving, boat tours with staff, and photo documentation on land and underwater. The intern will be expected to provide his or her own SCUBA equipment (including full wet suit) as well as a completed SCUBA diving medical form and physical, as this internship involves long days of physically demanding work underwater in 71 degree water.

- **Blackbeard's Cruises Travel and Tourism Internship**

This internship provides the opportunity to gain experience in multiple aspects of a small cruise company's operations—including market development, customer service, boat operations, and logistics.

Blackbeard's Cruises offers liveaboard scuba diving adventure travel to the Out Islands of the Bahamas. Based in Freeport, Grand Bahama Island, intern duties will include internet research to further youth market development, assembling of marketing materials, phone/email correspondence with customers, and boat operations. This internship offers valuable experience for someone who is interested in pursuing a

career in the travel and tourism industry. The intern learns about multiple aspects of working in a cruise company, spending time at Blackbeard's office in Freeport as well as serving as a crew member on guest cruises.

- **Divers Alert Network (DAN) Research Internship**

The DAN Research Internship Program provides experiences that motivate young people toward careers in medicine, diving or dive-related fields. Intern applicants can be students from colleges, universities and medical schools. The program runs primarily from mid May (training at DAN) through August. It starts at DAN headquarters in Durham, North Carolina, where interns receive an orientation to dive-related science and research. Part of the DAN Research Internship Program is designed to expand Project Dive Exploration data collection. Alternatively, interns may be assigned to assist in scientific and medical research at DAN headquarters.

After training, interns are assigned to field or lab studies for two to four months. Interns may work at various dive locations, at research facilities affiliated with DAN or at DAN headquarters.

- **Reef Environmental Education Foundation (REEF) Marine Conservation Internship**

Offered in Key Largo, Florida, the Marine Conservation Internship provides an opportunity to experience the working at a nonprofit environmental organization. REEF is a grass-root, non-profit organization of recreational divers dedicated to protecting and preserving the underwater environment. Outside duties include environmental presentations to local and visiting school, university, dive and public groups; working with other local marine conservation entities; and opportunities for conducting marine life surveys during local dives. Office duties include handling memberships, incoming marine life survey data, answering e-mail and dealing with the public.

- **“Sport Diver” Magazine Publishing Internship**

Based in Winter Park, Florida, the recipient of this internship will gain valuable experience in supporting a complete 6-week publishing cycle of Sport Diver magazine, a leading publication in the scuba diving and travel markets. This is an opportunity to get real world experience in magazine publishing, including all facets of taking the product from start to finish.

2010 INTERNSHIP APPLICATION DEADLINE: JANUARY 31, 2010

For more information on eligibility criteria and the application process, please contact the OWUSS website at

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