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**Our World-Underwater Scholarship Society Announces  
2008 Rolex Scholarships for North America, Europe, and Australasia as  
well as the North American Summer Internship Program**

For more than 30 years the Our World-Underwater Scholarship Society (OWUSS) has offered a variety of internships and scholarships. Our goal is to foster development of the future leaders of the marine environment. We continue to believe that by investing in special young people, by exposing them to a broad array of activities in the underwater community and giving them opportunities to work with influential people who are leaders in aquatic disciplines, we are investing in the future of our oceans and lakes.

**2008 Rolex Scholarships for North America, Europe and Australasia  
*Application Deadline is January 31, 2008***

For 2008, three Rolex scholarships will be offered: one in North America, one in Europe, and one in Australasia. Each Rolex Scholarship provides a hands-on introduction to underwater and other aquatic-related endeavors for a young person considering a career in an underwater-related discipline. One scholar is selected from each of the three regions and each scholar spends approximately one year working side by side with current leaders in underwater fields. Each 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.

Each of the three Rolex Scholarships has a coordinator who organizes itineraries for his or her scholar - emphasizing breadth of experience, but tailoring the itinerary to the individual

scholar's background and interests. These itineraries include 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 provides 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.

### **2008 North American Summer Internships: Application Deadline is January 31, 2008**

The 2008 OWUSS Summer internships are offered for a 1 to 3 month period and are primarily directed at college undergraduates and graduating seniors. Internship recipients will receive a grant to help fund travel to/from site, room and board, and a stipend to cover living expenses.

For the summer of 2008 the OWUSS is pleased to announce the following 5 internships based in North America:

- **The Aquarena Environmental Education Internship**

Based in San Marcos, Texas, this internship will provide an interdisciplinary context for education and research in nature and heritage tourism. Day-to-day operations at Aquarena 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.

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

The DAN Research Internship Program is designed to expand DAN's *Project Dive Exploration (PDE)* data collection, which is a prospective, observational study of safety in recreational diving. The objectives of PDE are to establish the risk of injury in recreational diving; study the effects of age, sex, and dive style on the risk of decompression illness; and investigate the relationship between pre-existing health conditions. The intern is trained at DAN's headquarters in Durham, North Carolina and then placed with DAN sponsors during the research phase.

- **The 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.

- **U.S. Navy Engineering Internship**

Based in Bethesda, Maryland or Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, this internship will provide a unique opportunity to work with a world-class scientist or engineer on hull, mechanical, and electrical technologies for US Navy ships and ship systems. Sponsored by Mercury Marine, this internship is hosted by the Naval Surface Warfare Center, Carderock Division. The Carderock Division consists of approximately 3,800 scientists, engineers and support personnel working in more than 40 disciplines, ranging from fundamental science to applied/in-service engineering.

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

<http://www.owuscholarship.org>