



PRINCE WILLIAM SOUND SCIENCE CENTER (PWSSC)

2024 SUMMER INTERNS

Earliest Start Date – May 15th, 2024

Duration: 10-12 weeks

Background: Our mission is to advance community resilience and the understanding and sustainable use of ecosystems. Much of our work includes research and monitoring of Prince William Sound (PWS), a sub-Arctic fjord in southcentral Alaska that is the endpoint of a 1,000-year ocean conveyor belt that carries minerals from Antarctica. PWS was the site of the 1989 *Exxon Valdez* oil spill and the epicenter of the 1964 Good Friday earthquake. With climate change, we see more changes to this pristine ecosystem including melting glaciers and diminishing fisheries. We strive to conduct research and education that makes us more resilient in the face of change.

We live and work in Cordova Alaska, a coastal fishing town on the southeastern side of PWS and adjacent to the Copper River Delta. Cordova is home to 2200 people including the Native Village of Eyak and is only accessible by boat (Alaska Marine Highway System) or plane (Alaska Airlines). Commercial salmon fisheries are the cornerstone of our local economy.

Internship Description: We are seeking hourly, temporary interns that are interested in assisting with biological, oceanographic, and/or mariculture research in Prince William Sound, completing their own research project with a PI, and assisting with education programs.

Applicants may complete 2-3 months of work between May and August 2024 under advisement of PWSSC staff, depending on research interests.

Intern Qualifications:

- Must be over 18 years of age.
- Must be interested in a career in science or education and/or pursuing or considering pursuing a degree
- Ability to work independently
- Candidates must be authorized to work in the United States for any U.S. employer and must be prepared to prove their authorization to work in accordance with U.S. Department of Homeland Security requirements.

Compensation: Hourly, part-time to full-time at \$17.50/hour with FICA/Medicare and Worker's Compensation. Temporary employees have a 403b option. We cannot offer additional benefits like medical insurance.

Housing: Available through PWSSC for \$650/month to be paid for by intern.

To apply: Please submit a resume and cover letter to Alysha Cypher (acypher@pwssc.org, 907-424-4258) by April 1st, 2024.