



DAN RESEARCH INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

What is the DAN Research Internship Program?

The DAN Research Internship Program is designed to provide education and experiences that may motivate young people towards careers in diving-related fields and/or scientific endeavors while supporting DAN's research efforts.

The program will run primarily from late May through August, and interns are recruited largely from undergraduate students at colleges and universities across the United States (post-graduate students, students from other countries, and periods other than summer will be considered, if appropriate). Following an initial week of training at DAN Headquarters, research interns are placed with host facilities, including DAN, where they will participate in projects matched to their interests and ability. The range may include field, laboratory and/or epidemiological studies. Most research interns work closely with mentor experts to maximize their learning opportunities.

Objectives

The primary goal of the research internship is to provide a meaningful opportunity for individual professional development. Academic credit may be available for students registered in educational programs while completing the research internship.

Recruiting Process

Candidates complete an application form, submit curriculum vitae/resume, two letters of reference and a cover letter (maximum of two pages in length; 11 pitch font) promoting his or her history, interests, aspirations and case for acceptance.

The application deadline is January 15th. Candidates may be interviewed via telephone by the Internship Director or potential mentor. Interns will be notified of selection decisions by March 1st.

Strong candidates for this competitive program will have excellent communication and organizational skills, meaningful personal accomplishments, an established commitment to diving and goals that would benefit from participation in the program. Candidates must be 20 years of age (by June 1, 2011) with an educational track in a science field preferred.

Training and Schedule

The Research Internship requires a minimum of a three month commitment.

- (1) Orientation Training - DAN Headquarters (late May)
This one-week period will include lectures on diving physiology, research methodology, and diving injury management. Certification in oxygen provision will be provided.
- (2) Site Placement (June – August)
The interests and abilities of interns are matched to research needs and facility/mentor availability. The priority of placements may range from field, laboratory and/or epidemiological studies. Whenever possible, research interns work closely with mentor experts to maximize their learning opportunities. Core assignments may be provided at DAN Headquarters. Interns typically work on a variety of projects, gaining experience in many elements of the research process. The focus and depth of experience is influenced by the duration and timing of the internship period. (Note: The placement duration may be extended on an individual basis, if appropriate.)

Deliverables

Tasking and obligations of interns are negotiated with mentors. Research interns are typically required to assist in data collection, and complete technical writing and presentation projects. Writing projects will include a review of

their experience. The written review may be used in full or part in any DAN publications including *Alert Diver*, *On Board*, the DAN website, research newsletters and press releases.

Budget

Interns will be given a monthly stipend to cover these incurred costs. DAN will cover room, board and related expenses. All expenses must be approved expenses or have the written approval of the Internship Administrator.

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