

CETASMUS 2017 – Internship in North Western Mediterranean Sea

CIMA Research Foundation is a private non-profit research organization aimed at the advancement of science and engineering in environmentally related fields, focusing on public health and safety, civil protection and the preservation of terrestrial and water-related ecosystems.

CIMA RF is based in Savona, Italy, and it is seeking undergraduate/postgraduate students for the CETASMUS PROGRAM 2017. General details about the CETASMUS program can be found here (<http://www.cimafoundation.org/cetasmus-programme/>).

CETASMUS foresees two different types of internship:

- Field Internship: aim of the internship is to provide hands on experience on cetacean surveys. Interns will be involved in all the surveys of a specific project. As office work is not foreseen for this type of internship, interns will have free time when not involved in sea surveys. Field internship is particularly indicated for students willing to gain field experience and also needing time to prepare exams or personal projects (without supervision)
- Research Internship: aim of the internship is to provide hands on experience on cetacean research, from data collection at sea to data analysis. Interns will be involved in surveys of their specific project AND will be trained on data-entry and data analysis. Office work can be used for the development of a thesis / internship report. Free time will be agreed directly with supervisor.

Open positions refer to two different projects :

- FERRIES – this project is held in collaboration with a national ferry company. CETASMUS interns will be on-board of ferries operating between Italy and Corsica /Sardinia at least twice a week and they will be part of the Marine Mammal Observer team working on the ferries.

3-4 Field Interns (minimum commitment 2 months)

1 Research Interns (Preferably MSc Student – minimum commitment 6 months)

- WHALE WATCHING – this project is held in collaboration with two whale watching operators. Surveys are usually 4-6 hours a day and are organized daily.

3-6 Field Interns (minimum commitment 1 month)

1 Research Interns (Preferably MSc Student - minimum commitment 6 months)

Because of the training required, preference will be given to interns applying for longer periods. Interns applying as Research interns must be able to commit for the entire survey season (May-September). Please note that we strongly encourage student willing to write a thesis to consider some extra time after survey season, as survey season is intense.

Qualifications

- Applicants must be reliable, motivated and team oriented, have a positive attitude as well as a genuine interest in marine mammal sciences;

- Applicants should possess or be enrolled in a BS or MS course in biology, environmental sciences or a related major;
- Applicants must be adaptable and patient as fieldwork is highly weather dependent. This means long consecutive days in the field when weather permits while no cruises during bad weather periods;
- Previous field experience is preferred.

These positions are an excellent opportunity for undergraduate and graduate students interested in pursuing a career in marine mammal research to strengthen their skills and above all to gain practical experience in the field.

These are unpaid positions and successful applicants are responsible for their own transportation expenses to and from Italy and for accommodation in Savona during the entire staying.

All costs related to at sea surveys will be covered by CIMA RF

If you are interested in applying for these positions, please submit your CV and a cover letter with contact information of at least one reference and specifying the desired position to cetasmus@cimafoundation.org