



Science Outreach Internship

Benioff Ocean Science Laboratory

University of California, Santa Barbara

Winter-Summer 2026

The Benioff Ocean Science Laboratory is seeking UCSB students for an internship supporting science outreach programs.

About the Benioff Ocean Science Laboratory

Based at the Marine Science Institute at UCSB, the [Benioff Ocean Science Laboratory](#) applies marine science and technology to create scalable solutions to pressing ocean health challenges. The lab oversees projects that address a variety of marine issues, including species protection, ocean pollution, and sustainable management of marine resources, as well as science education and outreach programs for youth.

Internship Description

The intern will have the unique opportunity to support outreach programs targeted towards UC undergraduates and local youth focusing on environmental science, field research, and conservation. The intern will work closely with Benioff Lab researchers and administrative staff to conduct critical tasks for the successful execution of outreach programs, such as communicating with program participants and host facilities, coordinating program logistics, and acquiring and preparing materials. The intern may assist in other Benioff Lab project support tasks as needs arise.

This internship is ideal for undergraduate students interested in gaining experience running science outreach programs, working in a collaborative, small team environment under the mentorship of Benioff Lab researchers and administrators. This internship will provide valuable experience to students actively pursuing graduate school or a career in science outreach or communications, environmental science, and/or conservation. Relevant outreach programs are based locally in Santa Barbara and more broadly across California; however, the intern will not be required to travel.

Responsibilities

- Manage contact lists of outreach program applicants and participants, and conduct communications (e.g., email, Zoom) with these groups
- Communicate with host facilities (e.g., field stations) to coordinate travel and lodging of program participants
- Acquire, organize, and prepare program materials, including but not limited to online and in-person purchases, and inventory and assembly of materials
- Support Benioff Lab staff with the development of environmental science educational content
- Basic graphic design of outreach program materials
- Assist in administrative tasks and project support as needed

Basic Qualifications

- Currently pursuing an undergraduate degree at UCSB
- Strong written and verbal communication skills
- Highly organized with strong attention to detail
- Self-motivated and ability to meet deadlines
- Interest in environmental and/or marine science

Additional Preferred Qualifications

- Previous experience leading or participating in science outreach activities, particularly those with an emphasis on making scientific disciplines accessible to traditionally underserved communities
- Experience planning events
- Proficiency in graphic design (e.g., Canva)

This is a part-time internship (10 hr/wk) for the Winter through Spring 2026 quarters, with the opportunity to extend into the Summer 2026 quarter. Compensation is \$20/hr.

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS: Please send the following to bosl-contact@ucsb.edu with the subject line “Science Outreach Internship” by Tuesday, December 2, 2025, at 11:59 pm PT:

- 1. A cover letter describing your motivation for applying to the internship and brief description of your most relevant experience, if any (one page max in PDF format). Please include a short description of your availability for the Winter, Spring, and Summer 2026 quarters.**
- 2. Resume (one page max in PDF format)**

Questions may be directed to bosl-contact@ucsb.edu.

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