



RIMS

Dolphin Training & Research Internship

Roatan Institute for Marine Sciences

May 31 - June 28, 2025

The Roatan Institute for Marine Sciences is excited to offer a 4-week Dolphin Training & Research Internship this summer. The program is open to upper level undergraduates or recent graduates and will be limited to 12 interns. Interns will live and work at our facility and gain valuable research and field experience as they get to know our resident population of bottlenose dolphins and receive an invaluable introduction into the training process.



Under the direction of a senior dolphin trainer/biologist, interns will engage in a wide variety of activities and gain experience and skills that will make them more competitive when pursuing future employment and research opportunities in the field of marine mammal science. Interns will:

- Receive in-depth lectures on a variety of topics including evolution, anatomy, physiology, echolocation, reproduction, cognition, communication, conservation, and social dynamics.
- Utilize field research methods to observe and record behavioral interactions.
- Learn marine mammal training techniques.
- Assist in dolphin husbandry and animal care management.
- Develop and implement an independent research project.
- Interact with an extremely dedicated and caring team of marine mammal professionals.

How to Apply

The program application form is available on our website at www.roatanims.org. Completed applications and supporting documents should be e-mailed in PDF format to rims_training@anthonyskey.com. The deadline for applications is March 31st, 2025.

Eligibility & Terms

Please visit our website for all eligibility requirements and terms of the program. Students who have completed at least 2 years of undergraduate study and will be 18 years old at the start of the program are eligible to apply. We do not offer course credit for the program but we encourage successful applicants to arrange for research or independent studies credit through their home institution.

Costs

The program fee is \$3665.00 USD. This fee includes full room & board, all structured dolphin activities, snorkeling opportunities, airport transfers and all applicable taxes. A more detailed list of what is covered can be found on our website.

Contact Information

For more information about the program, please contact the Program Coordinator, Teri Bolton at rims_training@anthonyskey.com or visit our website at www.roatanims.org.