Ocean Mammal Institute (OMI) pioneers the way in two of the most important fields of study in the 21st century: Animal Behavior and Environmental Psychology (Ecopsychology).

Dates: 4 Jan, 2016 – 22 Jan 2016

Location: Maui, Hawaii

Internship title: Hawaiian Humpback Whale Field Research Internship

Internship description: This internship looks at the behavior of humpback whales, the impact of boats on whales and how boats affect whale behavior. The reading material covers whale behavior, how humans affect that and all environmental issues around the oceans. Additionally we look at human impact on the environment and how human psychology affects the decisions we make about the environment.

An OMI research intern is expected to do the following:
1. Study the biology and behavior of humpback whales while you observe and record their spectacular behaviors.
2. Learn and apply the principles of field research design.
3. Gain a personal understanding of the politics of protecting endangered species.
4. Learn about current research on whales and dolphins around the world and related conservation issues.
5. Be introduced to the field of Ecopsychology, which studies the relationship between humans and the natural world.

What a typical day is like:
• As part of a team, conduct shore-based data collection. This involves tracking whales and boats with a theodolite and recording whale behaviors. All this is conducted approx. 4 hours everyday in the hot sun.
• As part of a team, plot and graph the field data daily.
• Read and discuss articles for the evening discussion. There are over 70 articles in addition to the Course book. Evening discussions are conducted every night and last approx 2 hours.

Additional requirements:
• Take 2 written exams (midterm and final).
• Write a team research paper using the field data your team obtained.

Living arrangements:
• Four to five students in a beautiful furnished condo on the ocean.
• Condo’s have full kitchen, living area, 2 bedrooms and bathrooms.

Administrative Info:
• Take this course as an Independent Study or Internship Course, through your college. If taking this course for credit you receive your credit from your school, not OMI.
• Arrive in Maui Jan 4, 2016 depart January 22, 2016.
• Price - $2850.00 (Includes rental of research equipment, transportation and accommodations in peak tourist season.) This fee does not include airfare or food.

Requirements:

This is a basic field research course open to any college student to apply.

Students must be able to sit in the hot Maui sun 4 hours a day as they gather field data on the whales.
Registration:

Online registration is available on our website at:  www.oceanmammalinst.org

Limited slots available. If not selected deposit is refunded.

Applications will be accepted until all the slots are filled.

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