Inspire the Next Generation of Environmental Stewards!

Over the next 2 years, the Norris Center at UCSC and the Santa Cruz Museum of Natural History (SCMNH) will work together to re-design the SCMNH’s animal education field trip program for elementary school students. We are looking for ENVS senior interns and regular 2 and 5-unit interns to work closely with Norris Center and SCMNH staff to develop, pilot, and implement this program. This collaboration will offer interns a rich hands-on experience working in a team environment to create a new impactful program to engage Santa Cruz youth.

In particular, this internship offers:

• Direct mentoring from both the Norris Center director and SCMNH Education director
• Exposure to the latest research on teaching science using inquiry-based methods for engaging primary school students of diverse backgrounds (including the incorporation of Next Generation Science Standards)
• Opportunities to visit a variety of environmental education programs and schools in Santa Cruz County
• Experience working as a team to develop and pilot new curriculum that will be used to inspire thousands of future elementary school students
• Coaching and practice teaching this newly developed curriculum to field trip groups
• Opportunities to network with local environmental organizations

We are looking for 1-2 senior interns to begin in the Fall 2015 quarter as well as several 2 or 5-unit interns to work during any quarter during this coming academic year.

Ideal applicants will have a strong interest and background in environmental education and/or natural history. Though not required, previous or concurrent enrollment in ENVS 179-Environmental Interpretation, ENVS 177-Teaching Environmental Education, ENVS 107-Natural History Field quarter, or paid/volunteer experience as an environmental educator is recommended.

If you’re interested, please contact Norris Center Director Chris Lay ASAP via email (eml@ucsc.edu) or phone (831 459 4763). More information can be found at norriscenter.ucsc.edu.