

SAN DIEGO NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM

High School Internship Program

The San Diego Natural History Museum offers an internship opportunity for high school students with an interest in the natural world and a desire to learn more about science. The student may concentrate in any of the following areas or may rotate through two or more departments in the course of the internship:

- Entomology – the study of insects
- Herpetology – the study of reptiles and amphibians
- Botany – the study of plants
- Paleontology – the study of fossils

Goals of the Internship:

- Students will gain hands-on familiarity with the scientific process including data gathering, data recording, and using identification keys.
- Students will learn how to use scientific tools (microscopes, hand tools, computer databases)
- Students will learn laboratory safety (eye-wash stations, fume hoods, fire extinguishers, MSDS sheets, flame cabinets, personal protective equipment, chemicals, etc.).
- Students will learn the value and importance of museum collections for science and society.
- Students will gain real-world work experience; develop productive work habits; and develop meaningful relationships with mentors and coworkers.

Internship Structure:

Internships are four months with a minimum of 4 hours twice a week (total 8 hours per week) between the hours of 10 AM–5 PM Monday–Friday.

The student will be asked to maintain a log of activities and on completion of the internship will make a presentation to the science staff on what the student has learned and accomplished.

Requirements:

- Minimum 16 years of age or junior in high school
- At least one course in general biology
- Strong interest in science

How to Apply:

Apply directly on the Museum's website at <http://www.sdnhm.org/support/volunteer/intern-application/>

Please include two references from teachers or other adults who have supervised past activities.