Delaware Sea Grant College Program Internship

The Delaware Museum of Natural History is pleased to announce a paid internship for an undergraduate or graduate student in the Mollusk Department of its Collections and Research Division.

The Delaware Sea Grant College Program awarded the Museum the grant for the paid internship.

The mission of the Delaware Sea Grant is “Helping Delaware communities develop sustainable coastal economies based on a thriving natural environment”. The Delaware Sea Grant College Program supports applied coastal and marine research and extension, graduate student education, professional development, and public outreach and education. It is a member of a national network of 34 university-based Sea Grant programs that are located in coastal and Great Lakes states around the nation. Delaware Sea Grant operates under the guidelines of the National Sea Grant College Program which is part of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) within the U.S. Department of Commerce.

The Delaware Museum of Natural History’s Collections and Research Division is responsible for the care and growth of the Museum’s scientific collections and research library. Its primary objectives are to preserve and grow the collections so they are available as a scientific resource for future generations; to use and promote the collections for original research; and to serve as a scientific resource for DMNH staff and the wider community.

The Museum continues its leadership in mollusk research through the work of Curator Liz Shea, PhD and Mollusk Collection Manager, Alex Kittle. The Mollusk collection at DMNH contains over 250,000 lots (2+ million individual specimens) and is the 10th largest cataloged collection in North America.

The internship will support the intern’s introduction to the importance of natural history collections (NHC) at natural history museums; how NHCs are changing from physical collections to digital collections; how NHCs can be used in basic and applied research; and how NHCs compare and contrast with other, non-science collections. The goal is to show our intern how NHCs can be used in their future endeavors, both scientific and otherwise. The intern will be overseen by Alex Kittle.

The internship program is from July 1st - August 31st and is full-time (37.5 hours per week). The internship rate of pay is $15.00/hour. Eligible applicants should have at least completed their sophomore year as an undergraduate and be pursuing a degree in the biological or environmental sciences.

Qualified candidates are invited to submit a CV, cover letter and the contact information for three references to Terri Reed, Director of Human Resources, at treed@delmnh.org or mail to P.O. Box 3937, Wilmington, DE 19807. Deadline for submission is Monday May 4, 2020. EOE