

Internship Opportunity
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
Office of General Counsel, Enforcement Section

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Organization Description:

The Office of General Counsel, Enforcement Section prosecutes civil administrative cases under statutes administered and enforced by NOAA, including the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, the Marine Mammal Protection Act, the Endangered Species Act and the National Marine Sanctuaries Act. The Section provides support to the U.S. Department of Justice in prosecution of law enforcement cases in Federal courts; establishes national law enforcement policy in conjunction with the NOAA Office of Law Enforcement and NOAA program offices; provides legal support to the NOAA Office of Law Enforcement and other NOAA offices, including the Office of Sustainable Fisheries, the Office of Protected Resources, the Office of National Marine Sanctuaries and the Office of International Affairs and Seafood Inspection; and advises NOAA officials on specific enforcement cases and general enforcement trends and issues.

Type of Organization: Federal agency / marine resource conservation and management

Internship Description:

NOAA Office of the General Counsel, Enforcement Section, seeks a law student with a strong interest in marine conservation, environmental, and natural resource law. Familiarity with the laws applicable to NOAA's activities is preferred but is not required.

Applicants with a strong academic record are preferred. Applicants should possess strong legal research and writing skills and should be able to effectively communicate orally and in writing. Applicants also should be able to work as a member of a team and to assimilate material quickly. Applicants should demonstrate initiative and interest in the work and be able to manage and complete assigned tasks in an efficient manner.

The applicant selected as a legal intern would have opportunities to develop legal skills under the supervision of experienced staff attorneys. The intern would work closely with enforcement attorneys to: review the case packages, apply the facts to the law, and determine

the applicable penalty and would complete research and writing assignments as needed. The intern can expect to work with a variety of resource conservation and management laws administered and enforced by NOAA. The intern would also have significant opportunities to shape the scope and direction of the internship.

- Semesters Available:** Fall and spring semesters, summer
- Application Materials:** Cover letter; resume; writing sample (5-10 pages; legal memorandum preferred); and law school transcript (unofficial is fine).
- Applicants may be asked to provide professional references during the interview process.
- Application Deadline:** Deadline is generally 1-1.5 months prior to the start of the internship. Please contact Tia Williams (tia.williams@noaa.gov) for more information
- Eligibility:** 2Ls are preferred, but we will accept applications from 1Ls, 3Ls, and LLM students.
- Submission Method:** Via email to tia.williams@noaa.gov
- Stipend:** None available.
- Location:** Silver Spring, MD (although a remote/telework option may be available depending on pandemic status and travel restrictions).