The Pacific Marine Mammal Center rescues, rehabilitates and releases marine mammals and inspires ocean stewardship through research, education, and collaboration. As part of our mission of education, the Pacific Marine Mammal Center offers a vet med team volunteer position that provides training in marine mammal medicine, rehabilitation, husbandry, necropsy and research throughout the busy season (January 1st, 2023 - July 15th, 2023).

The veterinary medical team volunteer will work under the direct supervision of the veterinarians, veterinary assistant, and animal care staff. Vet Med Team volunteers will participate in pinniped (and occasional cetacean) triage, physical examinations, medical treatments, assist with anesthesia, blood processing, inventory (biological samples, pharmacy, hospital supplies), and other clinic responsibilities (procedure preparation, cleaning, supply stocking, etc.) depending on the needs of the patients and medical team. In addition, volunteers may participate in live animal stranding response and necropsy, including pinnipeds (sea lions and seals), cetaceans (dolphins and whales), and marine turtles.

Applications for the 2023 veterinary medical team volunteer program (January 1st, 2023 - July 15th, 2023) are now open. Volunteers will be scheduled one morning (8:00am – 12:00pm) per week during this period of time. This is an unpaid position and CANNOT interfere with your current PMMC Animal Care volunteer position.

Applications are DUE NO LATER THAN TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1ST, 2022 and will be reviewed as they are submitted. Students will be notified of their acceptance into the 2023 program on or before December 1st, 2022.

To apply, please include the below materials (PDF saved with the applicant’s name):

1. Cover letter, including 3 preferred weekday mornings
2. Curriculum vitae with three professional references listed

All materials should be submitted no later than TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1ST, 2022:

To: Hospital@pacificmmc.org
Subject: 2023 Vet Med Team Volunteer
Attn: Malena Berndt