

As part of its mission to train the next generation of ocean explorers, scientists, engineers, and communicators, NOAA Ocean Exploration hosts students in the Explorer-in-Training program. Paid 10-week shore-based summer internships and 2 to 4-week expedition-based internships are available for 2025.

(1) Application Instructions

Submit online application form, including resume/ CV, contact information for references, and answers to essay questions.



Application Deadlines

10-week, shore-based internships: January 31, 2025

2 to 4-week expedition-based internships: January 31, 2025 (priority deadline)

Applications received after the priority deadline will be considered on a rolling basis until all slots are filled for the 2025 field season.



2025 Internship Themes

- Midwater ROV Annotations
- Emerging Technologies/eDNA
- Maritime Heritage Communications
- Science and Native Hawaiian Cultural Communications
- Ocean Mapping



To be eligible for the Explorer-in-Training program, applicants must be:

- A U.S. citizen
- Currently enrolled as an undergraduate or graduate student or a recent graduate
- Majoring in or have a degree in a field relevant to NOAA Ocean Exploration, including but not limited to:
 - Science, technology, engineering, or math
 - Social sciences
 - Communications
 - Education
 - Ocean policy/management

Applicants must be willing to learn and follow NOAA Ocean Exploration's office and shipboard standard operating procedures.

Individuals who identify with historically underrepresented communities in ocean sciences are strongly encouraged to apply.



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