



Opportunities for Ocean Connectors Graduates

Loved participating in Ocean Connectors but not sure what to do next? Here are a few internship ideas with coastal conservation organizations, where you can continue to study nature, help wildlife, and teach others about protecting our planet. For information about Ocean Connectors volunteer opportunities, sign up for our quarterly [e-newsletter](#)!

[I Love a Clean San Diego](#)

If you are looking to learn more about environmental issues impacting San Diego County, build your resume, and give back to your community, apply to be an I Love a Clean San Diego (ILACSD) volunteer intern! ILACSD recruits interns each semester to shadow their staff at cleanups, community events, and to assist with a variety of office and marketing tasks.

[Living Coast Discovery Center](#)

Volunteer opportunities include caring for and feeding animals, cleaning and maintaining exhibits, animal observations, group presentations, grounds maintenance, education projects, and much more. Continue the learning process you began at Living Coast in 4th grade by getting involved with their team of experts, located in Chula Vista, California.

[Outdoor Outreach](#)

Outdoor Outreach is a San Diego-based youth serving organization facilitating outdoor adventure programs for the community. They work with over 40 school groups and partners to get youth engaged in transformational outdoor experiences such as kayaking, surfing, and rock climbing. Outdoor Outreach has open enrollment programs, with available tuition assistance, for teens and pre-teens ages 11-17 in the greater San Diego region.

[San Diego Coastkeeper](#)

Multiple internships are available in environmental law, outreach, public relations, social media, advocacy, environmental education, and more. Internships with San Diego Coastkeeper require a minimum of 10 hours per week.

[The Maritime Alliance](#)

The Maritime Alliance matches up motivated students with paid internship opportunities among their network of corporate members for 6-12 weeks each summer. Both high school and college students are welcome to apply to the BlueSTEM Internship Program. Interns are paid hourly for their work! [Click here](#) to apply today.

[The Science Exchange](#)

The Science Exchange (TSE) trains the next generation to become scientifically literate, international team players through two-month STEM research internships. TSE creates affordable, customized, field-based sea turtle research internship packages for undergraduate and graduate science students around the world. Interns are sent to Mexico, the Caribbean, Central America, and other Latin American sites to conduct sea turtle research, are provided with lodging, ground transportation, and research equipment, and can also receive university credit. [Click here](#) to apply!

[U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service](#)

The U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service (FWS) helps students gain work experience, earn money, and establish a career in conservation and natural resource management. There are employment opportunities for students in high school through graduate school ranging from summer work to year-round internships that can lead to permanent positions.

[World Oceans Day Youth Advisory Council](#)

The World Oceans Day Youth Advisory Council looks for young ocean leaders from around the world. Applicants should be between the ages of 16-22, be able to make a two-year commitment – including approximately 10 hours per month to Council activities – and have a passion for ocean conservation. [Check out this blog post](#) to review the Youth Advisory Council handbook and apply today!