



## Internship and Professional Practicum Experience

### Program Objectives

Internship and Professional Practicum experiences give students and young professionals opportunities to learn new skills, work and live in a multi-cultural environment, explore the Gulf of California, and contribute to the work of the Kino Bay Center. All experiences are individually tailored, and can focus more heavily on ecological, cultural, educational, administrative or intra/inter personal explorations. Interns will design a self-directed final project with their mentor that contributes to the biocultural conservation work of the Kino Bay Center. Internships are an excellent steppingstone to higher education or related jobs.

### Program Duration

Internships and practicum experiences range in duration from 2-16 weeks. During the first few days, the student will meet with mentors to create a workplan. The plan will include the activities listed below (among others), and culminate in a final project demonstrating learning and contributing to the work of the Center's programs.

### Program Activities

Students engage in most of the learning and profession growth activities listed below; while individual experiences are designed to meet the student's interests, experience and goals.

- Geographic/cultural orientation
- Introduction to marine and desert life
- Personal / group reflection
- Marine mammal lessons and monitoring
- Waterbird lessons and monitoring
- Independent projects designed with mentors.
- Multi-cultural living/learning activities
- Introduction to indigenous communities and knowledge
- Media and communication for conservation
- Goal setting
- Field journal writings
- Snorkeling

### Instructors and Mentors

Each student is matched with a mentor(s) who guides work with the student to shape, facilitate and supervise the experience. All instructors and mentors possess excellent group facilitation and experiential education skills and a depth of experience in the region. In addition, depending on group interest, the mentor integrates students with Center local and indigenous staff working on bio-cultural conservation, science and education projects.

# What to Bring

Be prepared with layered clothing and sun protection. This part of the Sonoran Desert experiences climatic extremes. Heat, dehydration, sun exposure, wind, and varying water temperatures are all important factors. In March, weather will be comfortable during the day but still very sunny and at night it will be chilly and windy.

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All visitors must bring their own bedding/sleeping bag; the station can provide cots for sleeping. Visitors also must bring their own towels and toiletry items. Kitchens are well equipped and visitors may bring their own food from the states, buy food in Hermosillo or Kino, or eat out at restaurants. Here is a list of recommended items for students to bring:

## *School Supplies*

- School Books
- Field Journal or Field Notebook
- Field Guides
- Pens and Pencils
- Laptop and Headphones
- Flash Drive

## *Field Gear*

- Sleeping Bag, Sleeping Pad, Sheet, and Pillow (Sleeping area is outside underpalapa roof with bug nets)
- Bug spray
- Binoculars and Camera
- Watch
- Day Pack
- Water Bottle, Coffee Mug, Personal Tupperware
- Flashlight/Headlamp (Bring spare batteries!)

## *Personal Items*

- Clothes: (Prepare for cold and hot weather and items to protect you from the wind, rain, and sun.) Presentable attire for a formal presentation.
- Bring a bathing suit, hat, and culturally appropriate clothing to wear when going into town.
- Shoes: Sandals, running shoes/hiking boots, and water shoes (optional).
- Towel and Toiletries: Glasses/contacts, sunglasses, sunscreen, insect repellent, medications, etc.
- Extras: Musical instruments, soccer ball, volleyball, frisbee, art supplies, etc.

## *General*

- Passport and Tourist Visa (Received at Immigration Checkpoint in HMO airport)
- Extra cash and an ATM card
- Spanish/English Dictionary



# About the Prescott College Kino Bay Center

## The Vision

The Center provides information, training, and support for students, scientists, educators, and community members; and builds platforms for equitable collaborations between people from different cultures and institutions to co-create viable solutions to complex socio-environmental challenges.

## The Opportunities

The Center hosts a full calendar of classes covering topics in marine science, climate studies, community-based conservation, social justice, art, language, writing, and research. Each year, we host approximately 1,400 visitors including researchers, students, faculty, community members, and partners from dozens of institutions, as well as community groups from Mexico, the United States, and around the world. The Center's mission, staff, and programs are supported and enriched by our deep connections and long presence in the region. For more information, view our [Annual Report](#).

## Join Us

The Kino Bay Center's community-based conservation work is informed by both science and traditional ecological knowledge, and at each step of the process we facilitate dialog, civic engagement, and experiential education. We believe effective conservation is a collective action, and we invite you to join us in exploring and protecting some of the most bioculturally rich marine and coastal ecosystems in the world.

See you soon!

