



## THE OUR WORLD-UNDERWATER SCHOLARSHIP SOCIETY® INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

### Divers Alert Network (DAN) Diving Research Internship

Website: <http://www.dan.org>

#### About DAN

Divers Alert Network (DAN) is a nonprofit, 501(c)(3) dive safety organization. DAN's mission is to help divers in need of medical emergency assistance and to promote dive safety through research, education, products and services. DAN exists to provide expert medical information for the benefit of the diving public. DAN's historical and primary function is to provide timely information and assistance for underwater diving injuries, to work to prevent injuries and to promote dive safety. DAN also promotes and supports underwater dive research and education, particularly as it relates to the improvement of dive safety, medical treatment and first aid.

#### The DAN Diving Research Internship

The DAN Research Internship Program provides experiences that motivate young people toward careers in medicine, diving or dive-related fields. The program runs for a 2 month period. The internship starts at DAN headquarters in Durham, North Carolina, where interns receive an orientation to dive-related science and training for the research project.

The research project takes place at a busy dive resort, where the intern is assigned to collect data in support of a DAN Scuba Diving Intervention Study. This goal of this study is to reduce the incidence of diving mishaps by determining whether a checklist of pre-dive procedures can improve adherence of recreational scuba divers to rules of safe diving. Divers who wish to join the study will be identified at the docks of the dive resort before they board the charter boats. They will be given instructions and data will be collected on their dive behavior, dive profiles and outcomes of interest after they return back to shore. Interns will enter collected data every day into an electronic database.

Length of Internship: 2 months

## Eligibility Criteria

- Is scuba certification required?      No, but it is preferred
- Other skill sets:
  - Good verbal communication
  - Experience with computer data entry / electronic databases
  - Research experience

## Budget

The internship grant of \$3,000 will help to cover room, board and related expenses. The intern will be given a monthly stipend to cover these incurred costs. All expenses must be approved expenses or have the written approval of the Internship Coordinator. Any expenses that are unapproved or are above the grant amount will be the responsibility of the intern.

## Written Report

Upon completion of the Internship, the recipient will be required to complete a written review of his or her experience. This will be posted on the OWUSS website.