

Our World-Underwater Scholarship Society®



Paul L. Schutt Underwater Photography Internship

ABOUT PAUL SCHUTT

Paul Schutt founded Helix Camera while a graduate student at the University of Chicago, opening his first Helix store in 1964. Helix quickly became Nikon's largest dealer for the Nikonos underwater camera and an acclaimed global source for underwater photographic equipment. The Paul L. Schutt Underwater Photography Internship, established by his wife Linda Schutt, is a tribute to Paul's 50 years of Helix and his immense love of photography, especially underwater photography. Paul was an early supporter of the Our World-Underwater Scholarship Society and served several years as Chairman. He was also an avid conservationist and believed underwater photography was crucial in building awareness to preserve the world's oceans.

ABOUT the INTERNSHIP HOST, BACKSCATTER UNDERWATER VIDEO & PHOTO

Established in 1994 and headquartered in Monterey, California, Backscatter is the world's largest underwater photography store. Backscatter and its sister company UnderExposures run world-renowned training events and underwater expeditions around the globe. Backscatter has deep roots with Paul Schutt's Helix photography store: Berkley White, the founder of Backscatter, purchased his first underwater camera from Helix as a first-year college student. Backscatter also has a long history with the Our-World Underwater Scholarship Society and is very proud to host this unique internship honoring the spirit of Paul Schutt's mission to inspire and support new underwater photographers.

INTERNSHIP DESCRIPTION

The Paul L. Schutt Underwater Photography Internship gives the selected intern the opportunity to develop their underwater photography skills while working alongside industry professionals. The intern will receive underwater photography instruction and experience primarily through participation in the Backscatter Digital Shootout, a two-week workshop full of seminars and diving. The Shootout is designed to help participants take their underwater photography or videography to the next level, whether they are beginning or experienced underwater shooters. Additional internship experiences beyond the Shootout may be available and will be determined based on current Backscatter opportunities and recipient interests.

LOCATION and DURATION

The 2023 Digital Shootout will be held in Little Cayman on June 10–24, 2023. The intern must be available to attend the entire Shootout. The location and duration of other possible experiences may vary and will be coordinated between the intern, Backscatter, and OWUSS. The internship will likely last a total of 4–6 weeks during the summer.

ELIGIBILITY

Applicants must:

- Be scuba certified and have some diving experience
- Be at least 20 years of age at the time of the application deadline
- Have a current passport
- Have a strong interest in photography (though underwater photography experience is not required)
- Submit sample of 10-20 of their own images that represent their photography interest and style.

SUPPORT

A stipend will be provided to cover travel to and from internship sites, housing, food, and other essential internship-related expenses. If needed, Backscatter will loan underwater photography equipment to the intern for the duration of the internship.

Please visit www.owusolarship.org/internships for more information.