



CAL POLY HUMBOLDT MARINE MAMMAL  
EDUCATION & RESEARCH PROGRAM

# VOLUNTEER RESEARCH ASSISTANTS NEEDED

BE A PART OF OUR TEAM!



The Cal Poly Humboldt Marine Mammal Education & Research Program (MMERP) is looking for motivated and committed research field assistants to join our program this Fall, Spring, and Summer! This is a great opportunity to gain valuable experience in fieldwork and marine mammal research!

Each month, research assistants survey beaches within Humboldt and Del Norte counties to detect and document marine mammal carcasses that wash onto shore. In addition to conducting beach surveys for a long-term monitoring project, successful candidates will have the opportunity to assist with necropsies and will be qualified to participate in further marine mammal research projects.

## POSITION REQUIREMENTS:

- ✓ 5-month minimum commitment, longer preferred (Fall, Spring and Summer)
- ✓ Complete online and one day in-person training
- ✓ 15 to 20 hours of beach surveys and data management each month
- ✓ Be able to hike between 2 and 6 miles on remote sandy beaches every month
- ✓ Have personal transportation to beaches in northern California, or be willing to carpool
- ★ Mileage costs will be reimbursed, additional support may be available to students who qualify



**HOW TO APPLY:** To apply, please fill out application form by 9/15/2025

- [Fill out Research Assistant application form](#)

Contact us at [marinemammals@humboldt.edu](mailto:marinemammals@humboldt.edu)

If you find a sick or injured marine mammal, call the North Coast Marine Mammal Center at (707) 951-4722  
If you find a dead marine mammal, call the Cal Poly Humboldt Marine Mammal Stranding Program at (707)826-3650