The Benioff Ocean Initiative is seeking UCSB undergraduate students for an ocean solutions internship to support research on giant sea bass.

About Benioff Ocean Initiative
Based at the University of California, Santa Barbara (UCSB), the Benioff Ocean Initiative applies marine science and technology to create scalable solutions to pressing ocean health problems. The group both manages and funds projects that address a variety of marine issues, including species protection, ocean pollution, and sustainable management of marine resources.

Internship Description
The Benioff Ocean Initiative is seeking an intern to support research on giant sea bass, Stereolepis gigas. The intern will work on Spotting Giant Sea Bass, a project that uses community science and Artificial Intelligence to track endangered giant sea bass off the Southern California coast. Community scuba divers submit photographs and videos of their encounters with giant sea bass to the Spotting Giant Sea Bass database, and the UCSB research team uses a computer algorithm and the unique spot patterns on giant sea bass to identify and track individual fish. This internship is ideal for a UCSB undergraduate student looking to pursue a career in marine science, ecology, data science, and/or wildlife conservation.

Core responsibilities of the position include:
- Conduct internet research to identify and acquire photographs and videos of giant sea bass taken by scuba divers off the California coast. These photos and videos will be added to the Spotting Giant Sea Bass database.
- Support the UCSB research team with processing new photos and videos in the Spotting Giant Sea Bass database (quality control, image annotation, etc.)

Other responsibilities may include:
- Run the project’s Instagram account
- Conduct public outreach in person and online
- Participate in meetings with project collaborators

Qualifications
- UCSB undergraduate student (3rd year or older)
- Interest in ecology and marine and environmental science
- Data processing and analysis experience preferred, or willingness to learn on the job
- Proactive and independent
- Strong organizational skills, attention to detail, and ability to meet deadlines
This is a part-time internship (10 hr/wk) for UCSB students during the Fall 2021 and Winter 2022 quarters. Work will be conducted in-person or remotely depending on the student’s preference. Compensation is $15/hr.

We encourage all applicants to submit an optional Statement of Contributions to Diversity with their application materials. Please describe and give specific examples of how you have worked to enhance or develop your awareness on issues of diversity and inclusion in the workplace or other professional or academic environments.

To apply, please send a cover letter, resume, and the optional Statement of Contributions to Diversity to boi-contact@ucsb.edu with the subject line “Ocean Solutions Internship: Spotting Giant Sea Bass” by September 5, 2021.

The University is especially interested in candidates who can contribute to the diversity and excellence of the academic community through research, teaching and service.

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