Marine Mammals Graduate Internship

- Location: SAMS site, Dunbeg, near Oban
- Hours of work: Full time – 37 hours per week
- Rate of pay: £12.60 per hour
- Contract type: Fixed Term – 8 weeks

Company

The Scottish Association for Marine Science is an equal opportunity employer; we welcome applications from people with disabilities. We value the diversity of the people we hire and serve.

Diversity at SAMS means fostering a workplace in which individual differences are recognised, appreciated and respected, as well as responded to in ways that fully develop and utilise each person’s talents and strengths.

Job Description

This 8-week funded internship is to support Graduate or early-career opportunities.

You will be trained and mentored by Dr Denise Risch and will be involved in the development of the detector and the analysis of results. This project is based entirely on existing acoustic data, so no lab or field work will be required.

The position would involve the annotation of minke whale pulse trains using Raven to aid in the retraining and improvement of the current minke whale detector. You will also contribute to the application of a recently developed sound propagation model to estimate minke whale detections ranges. Additionally, the you will partake in the analysis of other species call types, developing your skills in bioacoustics, as well as using statistical software such as R.

You will also have the opportunity to attend SAMS Marine Mammal Research Team meetings to develop an understanding of how acoustics is used in wider fields both in terms of research and industry.

This opportunity has been created through SAMS' sponsorship relationship with renewable energy developer, Nadara: Nadara — Scottish Association for Marine Science, Oban UK

Requirements and Qualifications

Our ideal candidate would have some background in analysing long-term acoustic recordings using spectrograms and/or automated detectors and classifiers. However, we will provide training and all candidates that are keen to learn and interested in underwater sounds and marine mammals are encouraged to apply.

How to Apply

Applications may be submitted by e-mail, handed in to our reception team or by postal mail no later than 16th January 2026.

Interviews will be held shortly thereafter.

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