Marine Recovery Student Placement

Responsible to: Marine Engagement Officer

Duration: One full-time role available for the 2027/28 academic year.

Please note this is a voluntary placement. Training and travel expenses to Ulster Wildlife Offices will be provided with a daily mileage cap of 30 miles round trip @ 55p per mile.

Background





Ulster Wildlife has an exciting opportunity for a dedicated student to work with the Marine Recovery Team for one year. The student will undertake a range of activities including the delivery of community engagement events to raise awareness of the local marine environment and our Native Oyster Nursery Network across Northern Ireland. They will assist in research into key topics (e.g. Marine Protected Areas, nature-based solutions, marine biodiversity recovery, and blue-carbon) and in the development of digital communication resources. They will gain practical experience in conducting coastal biodiversity surveys and promoting the use of citizen science in recording and monitoring of marine habitats and species diversity.

Purpose of the role

The placement will give you the opportunity to work with the Marine Recovery Team in Northern Ireland's largest local nature conservation charity. You will also have the chance to gain valuable experience with our marine projects including the Native Oyster Nursery Network and the NI Marine Task Force. More information about our work is online at www.ulsterwildlife.org.

Main responsibilities:

- Support engagement with local communities and delivery of outreach activities regarding Marine Protected Areas around Northern Ireland.
- Support the delivery of native oyster nursery monitoring and shore surveys with a network of volunteers.
- Monitor species around our oyster nurseries and conduct site surveys operating an ROV (Remotely Operated Vehicle).
- Research and produce reports and information briefs on key marine topics.
- Create social media and other digital content to promote our marine conservation work.

Skills required:

- Undertaking a Marine Biology/Environmental Sciences degree or similar with relevant modules.
- Enjoys working as part of a team.
- Motivated and able to work without supervision.
- Passionate about marine nature conservation.
- Use of a car/driving licence.

We do not require practical conservation skills we are happy to teach these and provide training qualifications. However, we do require the student to have a willingness to learn and is proactive about their own self development.

Desirable skills:

- Experience of delivering public engagement events.
- Experience of coastal surveying and monitoring.

Place of volunteering: Ulster Wildlife Offices, McClelland House, 10 Heron Road, Belfast, BT3 9LE.

Please send a CV and cover letter to volunteering@ulsterwildlife.org by **5pm on Friday 29th January 2027.**