

Research Fellowship Position 2022

The Dolphin Research Institute (DRI) invites qualified candidates to apply for the inaugural Research Fellowship position.

The concept of the Fellowship flows from planning to for DRI's fourth decade and achieving outcomes in our four impact areas:

1. Dolphin and Whales in Victorian waters.
2. Victoria's marine environment.
3. The Victorian community.
4. DRI's capacity to deliver long-term programs.

The Fellowship will improve our scientific understanding of dolphins and whales in Victoria, especially Port Phillip, Western Port and Central Bass Strait.

The Fellowship will provide the young graduate with experience and mentoring to help start their career – an extension of our intern program – and part of our commitment to community impact.

DRI's vision is to build a Fellowship program that supports education, behaviour-change, wider environmental science, citizen-science, communication and journalism. Subject to funding, these programs could be 6-12 months long and overlap to provide continuity and a strong team.

This Fellowship is possible because of DRI's loyal supporters, who gave us the confidence to invest in furthering the development of a young scientist and our knowledge of dolphins and whales

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Qualifications

- Relevant tertiary qualification

Competencies

- Marine environmental research (both office and field)
- Photography - use of DSLR camera, Google Drive and Google Photo.
- Google Suite, MS Office and "R" for data analysis.
- Excellent communication skills, suitable for a diverse audience and channels.
- Strong outcome drive and work ethic.
- Systems thinking and attention to fine detail.
- Ability to work as a flexible team member to achieve larger goals.
- Able to balance between using initiative and seeking assistance.
- An interest and passion for marine mammal conservation and science.

Roles

- Able to commit to minimum 2 days per week at the office in Hastings.
- Assist Research Officer with weekly tasks including:
 - Fieldwork and flow-on, image analysis, cataloguing fins and flukes,
 - Report writing, Data entry and Quality Control,
 - Community engagement, including the Whale Festival.
- Preparing information for communication and fundraising.
- Promote DRI's work and values in the community.

Selection Criteria

1. Relevant experience and qualifications.
2. Clear demonstration of competencies.
3. A compelling case for DRI to award the Fellowship.

A DRI panel will review applications and ensure an equitable process. We will respond to all applicants in a timely manner.