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Cogs 99/199 Independent Study - 2020-21

Internship: Training Dolphins for Research

There are currently multiple openings for undergraduate interns to participate in an 18-month (6 term) research program on Dolphin Cognition at the Navy's Marine Mammal facility on Point Loma, under the direction of Dr. Christine Johnson from UCSD's Department of Cognitive Science. To participate in this internship, students must first commit to a nine-month program, run by the National Marine Mammal Foundation at the Navy facility, in which they will be trained in the care, feeding and training of the resident bottlenose dolphins. This requires a 24/hour per week (three 8-hour days, from 6am until 2pm) commitment. Once interns have completed this training, they will then work as the dolphins' trainers, conducting cognitive experiments with those animals. In addition, research group meetings will be held on a regular basis to review the relevant literature, hone the experimental design, help construct the apparatus and stimuli involved, and plan and undertake data collection and analysis. Participants will earn 4 units of Independent Study (or equivalent) per term (including for summer sessions). SIO credit may also be available for part or all of this internship. All participants must be US citizens. Start dates are in May, September, and January, with deadlines for application about 3 months in advance of each start date.

The **deadline** for applicants to begin Spring/Summer 2020 is **March 1, 2020**.
Please contact Dr. Johnson – at c8johnson@ucsd.edu - for further information and an application.