



## Communication & Education Internship

RRFB is offering a specialized **6-month internship** centered around communication, outreach, and education in marine conservation. This position provides hands-on experience in how a non-profit organization communicates science, engages communities, and inspires action to protect coral reefs.

During this full-time volunteer internship, you'll work closely with our Communications and Education teams to help share our story and connect people with our mission. You'll also participate in restoration fieldwork, including nursery maintenance and outplanting, to gain a full understanding of our restoration operations and strengthen your ability to communicate our work.

This internship is ideal for creative, motivated individuals who enjoy writing, storytelling, and engaging with people of all ages. Candidates should have strong communication skills, be confident public speakers, and have a genuine passion for marine conservation. Photography and videography experience is a strong plus.

### What you'll be doing:

- Managing and creating content for RRFB's social media platforms (Instagram, Facebook, LinkedIn)
- Assisting with website updates and content management
- Helping write newsletters, blog posts, and outreach materials
- Photographing and filming fieldwork activities for communications use
- Supporting RRFB's educational programs by:
  - Helping create and refine educational materials
  - Assisting with classroom presentations, snorkel tours, and community workshops
- Participating in coral restoration fieldwork, including nursery maintenance and outplanting activities

### Qualifications & Requirements

- Must have American or Dutch citizenship. Unfortunately, interns outside of the US and Netherlands cannot stay on Bonaire for the duration of this internship nor receive a stipend due to visa restrictions.
- Applicants should be enrolled in an undergraduate or graduate program (having completed at least two years of study), or be recent graduates.
- Applicants must have an Open Water SCUBA diver certification and at least 30 logged dives.
- Strong English writing and speaking skills are essential. Dutch or Papiamentu fluency is a plus.
- Comfortable engaging with diverse audiences, including children, students, and community groups.
- Creative, organized, and positive team player able to work independently.
- Experience with Photoshop, Lightroom, and Wordpress is preferred (or candidate will be trained)
- Applicants need to provide their own living expenses (housing, transportation, food).



- Applicants need to be physically fit and able to work in the water and sun. Selected candidates are required to fill in a Diver Medical Participant Questionnaire.

### **Stipend**

- \$500 per month
- BCD and regulator will be provided

### **Application**

Send a copy of your resume, cover letter, short answers to the questions below and one writing sample to [lola@reefnewalbonaire.org](mailto:lola@reefnewalbonaire.org) and [caitie@reefnewalbonaire.org](mailto:caitie@reefnewalbonaire.org). Your writing sample can be anything - a short blog post, an essay from school, etc. - that demonstrates your ability to communicate environmental topics!

Please answer the following questions with short answers (less than 300 words each) and submit them along with the rest of your application materials.

1. Which internship (Restoration/Communication & Education) and which period are you applying for? See our website for the available dates (e.g. 2026 1st quarter).
2. Describe in detail your diving experience: certifications, # of dives, types of diving, boat/shorediving?
3. Tell me about a community outreach experience you have had: have you done public presentations? Would you consider yourself a strong public communicator?
4. Why are you passionate about marine conservation?
5. Why do you want to be a RRFB intern? How does this internship fit in with your current and future goals?
6. Interns need to provide their living expenses. The cost of living in Bonaire can range from \$900.00-\$1200.00/month. Please describe how you plan to support yourself for the duration of the internship (e.g. savings, grants, etc.).