

Mountaineer Avian Rescue Society (MARS) located in Courtenay, British Columbia (on Vancouver Island) is seeking summer student volunteers for 2015. Baby bird season in spring, summer and early fall brings us the greatest number of patients. To ensure that the animals get all the care necessary to bring them back to health, we will be offering summer student volunteer positions to interested and motivated individuals. Veterinary supervision and protocols of care are observed.

Summer student positions will be filled on a six week rotational basis, with four time frames to fill:

- April 15 – May 31
- June 1 – July 15
- July 16 – August 31
- September 1 – October 15

The work at the wildlife centre can be very demanding. Typically in the summer we work from 8 am until 10 pm, with occasional 4 am feedings. A summer student can expect to be involved in all aspects of the rehabilitation process. Most of the work for everyone is diet preparation and cleaning, but you will also be expected to take part in occasional rescues and releases, administer treatments, participate in building projects and grounds maintenance, and help with some educational displays within the community. The schedule at the centre can be intense, but you will also be given time to enjoy the beautiful scenery this island has to offer.

Summer student positions are unpaid and typically last six to eight weeks, depending on scheduling. The wildlife centre offers very basic housing and, occasionally, some meals, but for the most part you will be responsible for keeping yourself fed. The wildlife centre is staffed by two dedicated rehabilitators and many volunteers. As a summer student you will become part of a team of likeminded people and will be treated with respect and friendship.

Previous wildlife experience is not a prerequisite. Come here with the right attitude, prepared to give 100% to our wild patients, and it will be an extraordinary experience.

For more information about MARS, to read about previous volunteers' experiences, and for an application form please visit <http://wingtips.org/volunteer/internship/> Send completed applications with your resume to:

Mountaineer Avian Rescue Society  
6817 Headquarters Road  
Courtenay, British Columbia  
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Applications by email will not be accepted.