



Circular 002:19

Date: 10th January 2019

Subject: SLSNR/Safeswim: Beach hazard fieldwork

Attention: All Lifeguards

Description: Paid positions available for SLSNR lifeguards

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Project research assistant

Want to be involved with a fun (paid) research project for SLSNR? We are currently supporting the development of a beach hazard predication tool for [Safeswim](#) – this will be used for predicating rip currents and increasing hazard awareness. The development of this model includes a couple of weeks' fieldwork (between the 28th Jan – 16th February 2019) on both the east coast (Orewa) and the west coast (Muriwai) and we are looking for some keen lifeguards to help out! The role will commence on the 28th January - 15th February (Mon – Friday) and be paid at a very competitive rate (based upon a 40 hour working week). Accommodation at each respective surf club will also be provided. The positions available include:

- 2 x IRB Drivers
- 2 x IRB Crew
- 2 x Lifeguards

Candidates will be required to work Monday – Friday throughout the study period, with rip drifting sessions focused around the low tides. Rest assured there will be plenty of time to relax between rip drifting sessions and some early morning/evening work will be required. Candidates will be required to be refreshed as of the 31st January 2019 to be eligible for selection. No prior scientific experience is required, but this presents an excellent opportunity to learn and contribute towards a project of international significance. The research will also extend upon SLSNR/SLSNZ's knowledge base following a study in 2017, see [here](#) for more info.

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Rip drifting, Piha (November 2016)

The role will involve:

- Crewing / driving an IRB to retrieve rip current drifters in the surf zone
- Deploying and retrieving drifters at the shoreline
- Driving an IRB in sweeps to obtain bathymetric (subsurface) readings on the seabed – this will be under guidance of the Plymouth University consultant
- Using drones and GPS devices to survey the beach
- Working with and learning from experts in the rip current field
- Set up/pack down of equipment
- Having fun!

To apply for any of the above positions please state your preferred role and send a short narrative:

- a) Why you're interested in the position
- b) What skills you can bring to the project
- c) Provide a background of your lifesaving experience

Please send through applications to Daniel.lee@lifesaving.org.nz and include the subject line: **Beach Hazard fieldwork**. Applications close on Thursday 17th January.

For more information, please don't hesitate to get in touch via email.

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