

Dive Operations Intern

Internship Description:

The South Carolina Aquarium, Dive Operations intern program is geared towards those interested in Aquarium Husbandry and running a Dive Safety Program through an Aquarium, University, or Research facility.

Interns will have the opportunity to gain experience with Full Face Masks, Surface Supply, Underwater Communications, Reserve Air Supply Systems, Gear Inspections, Dive Team Management, and Dive Shows.

The position also is involved with husbandry of the Great Ocean Tank Exhibit, with specific interest in sharks and our loggerhead sea turtle. Additionally interns may have the opportunity to work with our Reef Research Program and offshore lionfish research project.

Prerequisite to Apply:

- Scuba Certification from a national recognized agency
 - Preferred Rescue or Pro. Rating (DM, AI, Instructor, etc.)
- At least 25 logged dives in varying conditions
- prior CPR/AED/O2 knowledge preferred
- Able to regularly lift at least 50lbs
- Final acceptance into the internship requires passing of AAUS Physical, Swim, & Scuba Skills test

Commitment Required:

- 25 hours per week for 4 – 6 months

Education Requirements:

- Major(s): Any major in Natural Science
- Classification: Undergraduate, Graduate, or recent post-Undergraduate

Wage:

- Unpaid; college credit may be available through your university

Application Instructions

Apply at: <https://scaquariumvolunteer.applicantpro.com/jobs/>

- **Summer:** Applications open on January 15 and are due by March 15. Selected applicants will be notified in April. Hired interns start in May.
- **Fall:** Applications open on May 15 and are due by July 15. Selected applicants will be notified in August. Hired interns start in September.
- **Spring:** Applications open on September 15 and are due by November 15. Selected applicants will be notified in December. Hired interns start in January.

Questions:

1. In addition to this position, are you applying for other internships with the South Carolina Aquarium? If yes, which positions?
2. Give a brief summary of your level of dive experience and skill set.
3. Do you have any animal care experience?
4. What Job/Field are you working towards?
5. What is your goal and intention going into the Dive Operations internship?
6. You are alerted that a single item was dropped by a guest into a 14ft exhibit housing multiple species of fish and an endangered sea turtle.
You are the only immediately available diver.
All scuba gear is at the exhibit and set to dive.
The goal is to retrieve the item in a safe manner. Explain what you would do and why.