

## Biologist Internship

3 positions available

### Description:

The Biologist Intern will have the opportunity to learn about and participate in husbandry practices and behavioral management of the South Carolina Aquarium's native animal and/or plant collections. The intern will assist staff with all aspects of daily animal care and participate in public educational programs and live animal demonstrations. There are 3 internships available for Spring 2020 focusing in the following areas:

- Mammals + Birds
- Herps + Ambassador animal collection
- Native plant collection

### Learning Objectives:

1. Follow aquarium safety and animal protocols
2. Become familiar with AZA animal care and welfare standards
3. Develop basic animal care, cleaning, and restraint/capture skills
4. Understand and execute enrichment and training techniques
5. Work on an independent project
6. Learn and follow proper horticulture methods and techniques in displaying plant life
7. Learn unique microclimate of exhibits to determine water, light and nutrient needs of plants
8. Recognize signs of plant stress and understand the purpose and safe use of pest control
9. Understanding non-profit organization operations

\*Learning objectives will vary and be specifically tailored to the focus of your internship.

### Requirements:

- College senior or recent college graduate with a background in biology, zoology, natural science, psychology, or related field
- Willingness to interact professionally with public
- Ability to work well as part of a team and independently
- Must be able to lift 50lbs.
- Complete assigned reading material
- Complete a project under the guidance of staff
- Available from January 2020 – September 2020 (start/end dates are flexible)
- Internships can range from 3 – 6 months within the above time frame.
- Must be able to work 25 – 40 hours per week, including at least 1 weekend day

### Physical Requirements:

Often requires walking, standing, and bending. Regularly requires stooping, crouching, climbing ladders/steps, carrying up to 50 lbs., sitting, kneeling, balancing, pushing and pulling, crawling, working with tools, and working in tight spaces.

### Compensation:

- Unpaid, housing not included

### Benefits:

- Professional development workshops
- Field experience opportunities
- Ability to earn aquarium tickets and a reciprocity pass to area attractions