

Animal Care Intern, Aquarist

Internship Description:

The Animal Care Intern will gain valuable experience through this internship by learning proper husbandry techniques for a diverse collection of fresh and salt water animals through one-on-one training and hands on experiences. The intern will assist staff with all aspects of daily animal care.

Primary responsibilities will include but not limited to:

- Exhibit and behind the scenes cleaning
- Daily food preparation and feeding
- Record keeping
- Animal observation

Potential duties may include but not limited to:

- Veterinary procedures
- Quarantine procedures
- Animal collection and transfer

Learning Objectives:

- Follow Aquarium safety and animal protocols
- Learn and follow proper feeding procedures and techniques in caring for animals, and ensure daily care of animals
- Learn life support system operation and how to maintain tanks, and follow schedule of weekly tank maintenance
- Be able to state appropriate water quality parameters
- Be able to recognize signs of disease and understand the purpose of quarantine

Requirements:

- College sophomore, junior, senior, or recent grad.
- Any major in natural sciences, psychology, biology, zoology, or related field.
- Must be dependable and have excellent communication and record keeping skills
- Be comfortable with informal educational interactions with Aquarium guests
- Be able to work well independently and as part of a team
- Willingness to get wet and dirty

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.

Commitment Required:

- 25-40 hours per week
- 3 months to 6 months (6 months preferred)
- 4-5 days per week working typically 8-4 (may include one weekend day and holidays)

Compensation:

- Unpaid; housing not included
- College credit may be available through your university

Benefits:

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

Application Instructions

- Apply at: <https://scaquariumvolunteer.applicantpro.com/jobs/>
- **Fall:** Applications open on May 1 and are due by June 1. Selected applicants will be notified in July. Hired interns start in August/September.
- **Spring:** Applications open on October 1 and are due by November 1. Selected applicants will be notified in December. Hired interns start in December/January.
- **Summer:** Applications open on February 1 and are due by March 1. Selected applicants will be notified in April. Hired interns start in May.