

## Animal Care Internship, Birds & Mammals

**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 collection. The intern will assist staff with all aspects of daily animal care and participate in public educational programs and live animal demonstrations.

### Learning Objectives:

- Follow aquarium safety and animal protocols
- Become familiar with AZA animal care and welfare standards
- Develop basic animal care, cleaning, and restraint/capture skills
- Understand and execute enrichment and training techniques
- Complete an independent project
- Understand non-profit organization operations

### Commitment & Qualifications:

**Length of internship:** 6 months

**Hours per week:** 30 – 40

**Education level:** Recent college graduate with a background in biology, zoology, natural science, psychology, or related field

**Additional Skills:**

- 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

### Compensation & Benefits:

- Unpaid; housing not included
- College credit may be available through your university
- Professional development workshops
- Potential field experience opportunities
- Ability to earn aquarium tickets and a reciprocity pass to area attractions

**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

## Application Instructions & Key Dates:

- Apply at: <https://scaquariumvolunteer.applicantpro.com/jobs/>
- Application closes on November 15, 2020.
- Selected applicants will be notified in December 2020
- Internship will begin in January