

Animal Care Internship, Aquarist (Six-Month Term)

Description: The Animal Care Intern - Aquarist will gain valuable experience by learning proper husbandry techniques for a diverse collection of freshwater and saltwater animals through one-on-one training and hands on experiences. The intern will assist staff with all aspects of daily animal care.

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

Primary Duties

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

Commitment & Qualifications:

Length of internship: 6 months

Hours per week: 25 - 40

Education level: Recent college graduate, majoring in natural sciences, biology, marine biology, psychology or related field.

Additional Skills:

- 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

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