

Behavioral Observation Internship

Description: The Behavioral Observation Intern will have the opportunity to learn about captive animal behavior at the South Carolina Aquarium and assist with the collection/analysis of behavioral data. Interns in this role may be involved with data collection assignments of mammals, birds, reptiles, and/or fish under the direction of the Animal Behaviorist. Please note that this position does not involve direct animal care or handling opportunities.

Learning Objectives:

- Follow aquarium safety and animal protocols
- Become familiar with AZA animal care and welfare standards
- Develop an understanding of species natural history and functional behaviors
- Understand environmental enrichment using the SPIDER method
- Complete an independent project
- Understand non-profit organization operations

Commitment & Qualifications:

Length of internship: 3 months

Hours per week: 10 - 15

Education level: College junior, senior, or recent college graduate with a background in biology, zoology, natural science, psychology, or related field

Additional Skills:

- Willingness to interact professionally with public
- Ability to work well as part of a team and independently
- 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
- Ability to earn aquarium tickets and a reciprocity pass to area attractions

Physical Requirements: Often requires walking, standing, and sitting. Sometimes requires stooping, crouching, bending, kneeling, or 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