

Sea Turtle Care Center Internship (Abbreviated Term)

Description: Sea Turtle Care Center Interns have the opportunity to learn about and participate in the rehabilitation and release of native sea turtle species. Interns will assist staff in all aspects of the daily care of sick and injured sea turtles and non-sea turtle rehab patients, educational programs, and occasionally medical procedures.

Learning Objectives

- Become familiar with AZA animal care and welfare standards
- Develop and perform basic animal husbandry skills
- Learn and then maintain detailed log books and other record keeping
- Learn and then maintain water quality and life support systems
- Obtain basic medical skills while assisting with the medical care of rehab patients

Primary Duties

- Follow aquarium safety and animal protocols
- Perform informal and formal educational programs related to the Sea Turtle Care Center
- Maintain general cleanliness and inventory of hospital supplies
- Assist in miscellaneous projects as needed

Commitment & Qualifications:

Length of internship: 4 months

Hours per week: 32 – 40, will require flexible hours, may require long days, weekend shifts, and occasional late night/early morning work

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

Additional Skills:

- College senior or recent college graduate with a background in biology, zoology, natural science, psychology, or related field
- Demonstrated interest in environmental conservation and/or wildlife biology.
- Willingness to interact professionally with the public
- Ability to work with a team and independently
- Must be able to demonstrate initiative and be detail oriented

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 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