



Position: Animal Care – Aquatic Husbandry Internship
Hiring Organization: WAVE Foundation at Newport Aquarium (AZA Member)
 Wavefoundation.org/volunteer
Location: Newport, KY
Volunteer/Internship: Internship – Unpaid

Position Summary: The Aquatic Husbandry Internship is designed to provide hands-on experience in the field of aquatic animal care. Interns will be working alongside aquatic biologists while applying classroom knowledge to maintain a diverse collection of marine and freshwater fish and invertebrates as well as some amphibians and reptiles. This internship will focus on the principals of closed system aquariums. The WAVE Foundation Animal Care – Aquatic Husbandry Intern is a volunteer position with WAVE Foundation. There is no monetary compensation for this position.

Responsibilities:

- Learn proper husbandry techniques, exhibit maintenance, and general aquatic husbandry theory.
- Model appropriate behavior near open water exhibits, and with handling animals.
- Observe behaviors (breeding, health, etc.) and distribution of enrichments.
- Become familiar with behind the scenes access and locations of exhibits and quarantine tanks.
- Communicate and maintain working relationships with educators, students, guests, staff, supervisors, volunteers, other departments, and colleagues in related industries.
- Communicate well in an environment, which may include loud noises, large crowds and varying settings.
- Provide excellent and accurate customer service for WAVE Foundation and Aquarium’s missions.
- Direct questions, suggestions or grievances through appropriate procedures and channels.
- Notify the appropriate person if unable to volunteer, due to either illness, vacation, resignation or leave of absence.
- Represent WAVE Foundation and Newport Aquarium in a professional manner, including dress code, behavior and timeliness.
- Perform in accordance with all protocols, policies and operating procedures of WAVE Foundation and Newport Aquarium.
- Other duties as assigned.

Qualifications:

- Enrolled as a college student with junior or senior status in a natural science major preferred.
- Must have interest in future work in a public aquarium or zoo and be comfortable working around large volumes of water.
- Must be comfortable working with fish, invertebrates, and reptiles.
- Must be comfortable with preparation of foods (including live foods) for feeding to animals.
- Be engaging, friendly, courteous, enthusiastic and sincere.

Requirements:

- Ability to remain on feet for long periods of time (up to 4 hours), climb stairs, bend, stoop, and be able to lift 25lbs.
- This is a safety critical position and a social security number is required for random drug testing.

NOTE: May involve exposure to potentially dangerous and unpredictable animal species, restraint devices, toxic chemicals, and/or drugs. Occasional use of protective clothing or equipment is required e.g. goggles, mask, gloves, and gowns.

Training:

- Complete Aquarium orientation and online training.

Commitment:

- Application fee: \$50 once accepted for position.
- Must submit a reflection paper and give a presentation at the end of the internship date will be assigned.
- Minimum of 20-25 hours per week - negotiable Mon. – Fri. 8:30am – 5:30pm some weekends and evenings.
- Minimum of 150 hours within 15 weeks.
- Your Mentor will communicate your schedule upon onboarding.

Have fun while inspiring our guests to discover, explore, enjoy and protect our aquatic world.

NOTE: Scheduling hours after the first day is at the discretion of the volunteer. Volunteers will be required to schedule themselves online at www.myvolunteerpage.com, A WAVE Foundation supported database.

 Volunteer Name – PRINTED

 Date

 Volunteer Signature