



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

Position Summary: The Terrestrial Husbandry Internship is designed to provide a broad-spectrum experience in the field of professional animal care. Interns will be working with biologists while applying classroom knowledge and field experience to maintain the Aquarium's exhibits, which house a collection of reptiles, amphibians, terrestrial invertebrates and fishes. Terrestrial interns will also learn about managing the horticulture in a large greenhouse exhibit, including pest management, plant propagation and plant selection. WAVE Foundation Animal Care – Terrestrial Husbandry Internship is a volunteer position with WAVE Foundation. There is no monetary compensation for this position.

Responsibilities:

- Learn proper animal husbandry techniques, exhibit maintenance, and general terrestrial husbandry theory.
- Model appropriate behavior near open water exhibits; observe behaviors, distribution of enrichments and some handling of animals.
- 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 and 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 comfortable around large volumes of water.
- Must be comfortable working with fish, invertebrates, and reptiles and 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