



JOB DESCRIPTION **AQUARIST INTERN**

Position Title: Animal Care Intern
Reports to: Director, Animal Husbandry

Dept.: Animal Husbandry
Status: Volunteer

Position Overview: Assist with the daily care of the live animal collection at Liberty Science Center with a focus on the aquatic collection.

Essential Functions:

- Study animal collections and scientific names of animals in preparation for a test on the collections after 30 hours of studying and observing.
- Contribute to providing continual care for the living collection, including invertebrates, marine and freshwater fishes. Tasks include tank maintenance & cleaning, water quality monitoring, food preparation, feeding, and animal observation.
- Maintain cleanliness of all living exhibits and department work areas.
- Assist staff in repair/redesign of existing exhibits and other projects as needed.
- Conduct precise record keeping

Other Tasks:

- Assist in providing animal enrichment
- Provide staff presence in the animal exhibitions; Eat & Be Eaten and Our Hudson Home and serve as an educational resource for guests by explaining behavior, habitat, diet, etc.
- Other duties and responsibilities as assigned.

Experience/Qualifications:

Candidates should have a strong interest in working with aquatic animals and a broad knowledge of ecological and biological principals, especially those relating to marine habitats, prior experience not necessary. Ideal candidates will have some background knowledge of marine aquarium keeping and be highly motivated, detail-oriented, and willing to perform repetitive animal care tasks. Candidates must be able to work effectively with the public in a team-oriented workplace. Candidates should be in good physical condition with the ability to lift a minimum of 60 lbs and climb up a 6 foot ladder. SCUBA certification is a plus.

Requirements:

A commitment of at least 230 hours is required.

Must be in college, majoring in Biology, Ecology, Environmental Science or related field ideal.

Negative TB test results (from nine months or less) prior to internship.