



JOB DESCRIPTION
ANIMAL CARE INTERN

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

Dept.: Animal Husbandry
Status: Volunteer

Position Overview: Assist in maintaining the live animal collection at Liberty Science Center.

Major Tasks and Responsibilities:

- Study animal collections, scientific names of animals and be prepared to be tested on collections after 30 hours of studying and observing.
- Contribute to providing continual care for the living collection, including marine and freshwater fish, invertebrates, amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals. Tasks include exhibit 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.

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 exotic animals, prior experience not necessary. Ideal candidates will 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 50 lbs.

Requirements:

A commitment of at least 230 hours is required.

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

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

Please Note:

There is minimal hands on or direct physical contact with the animals during this internship.