



Aquarist Intern

Salary: Unpaid

Reports to: Director, Animal Husbandry

Position Overview

We're looking for just the right person to join the Liberty Science Center team as an Aquarist Intern. The Intern's primary areas of focus will be to assist with the daily care of the live animal collection at Liberty Science Center with a focus on the aquatic exhibit.

The Aquarist Intern will report to the Director of Animal Husbandry.

About You

You should have a strong interest in working with aquatic animals. Prior experience is 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. You must be able to work effectively with the public in a team-oriented workplace. You should be in good physical condition with the ability to lift a minimum of 60 lbs and climb up a 6 foot ladder.

Key Responsibilities

- 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
- Assist in providing animal enrichment
- Provide staff presence in the animal exhibitions (*Eat and 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.

Preferred Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities

- **Knowledge:** A broad knowledge of ecological and biological principals, especially those relating to marine habitats.
- **Skills:** Scuba diving experience and certification is a plus.
- **Abilities:** Must possess excellent communication skills and be a team player. Being detail-oriented, proficient, and someone who takes initiative for tasks that are of great importance.

Preferred Qualifications and Experience

- A commitment of at least 230 hours is required.
- Must be in college, majoring in Biology, Ecology, Environmental Science or related field.
- Negative TB test results (from nine months or less) prior to internship.

Work Culture at a Glimpse

Schedule

This is a part-time unpaid position. The ideal candidate must be available to work evenings and weekends as special events require.

Travel

This position may require occasional travel in the greater metro region.

Environment

Liberty Science Center is located in a beautiful waterfront state park in Jersey City, New Jersey. Not only is Jersey City easy to get to from any points in Northern NJ and Manhattan, but it also holds the title of the most diverse city in the United States. Employees have access to free parking, the Hudson-Bergen Light Rail, and the NJ Path train. In addition, all employees have access to an on-site café, a terrace with stunning NYC views, and on-site yoga.

Physical Demands

While performing the duties of this job, the employee must be able to stand for long periods of time while working with staff on museum floor. The ability to lift 60 pounds is required and to climb up a 6 ft ladder. The position requires frequent visits throughout the museum (walking on concrete floors, climbing stairs, etc) and outdoors (walking on uneven ground, exposed to the elements), tolerating high levels of noise, and extensive public speaking, sometimes in noisy environments.

Benefits

- 25% discount in LSC gift shop
- 25% discount in on-site cafeteria
- Six free exhibit & theater passes after 100 hours of volunteering
- \$75.00 travel reimbursement once a year
- Volunteer Recognition dinner
- KUDOS rewards program

To apply:

Please visit our intern page on our website at: <https://lsc.org/volunteer>, then submit your resume and cover letter highlighting why you are a perfect fit for this position to intern@lsc.org

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LSC actively supports Americans with Disabilities Act and will consider reasonable accommodations.