



Aquarium Science Internship: Fall or Spring Semester, Academic Credit Awarded

Purpose

To provide experiential learning opportunities and practical work experience in the field of aquarium science. The position is intended for a currently enrolled undergraduate student to explore career interests, develop skills and networking relationships in environmental education and stewardship.

Objectives

- Assist aquarium curators with animal husbandry and general aquarium operations
- Utilize skills and knowledge gathered during undergraduate studies
- Work in an environment conducive to learning and professional growth

Project Description

Marine Extension and Georgia Sea Grant is looking for a motivated and energetic individual who enjoys working with diverse groups of people, is interested in aquarium systems, and passionate about marine animals as living educational resources. *The Aquarium Science Internship* will be a ten week internship. The intern will report to work with aquarium personnel to perform tasks related to animal husbandry, tank maintenance, and engaging public visitors at the UGA Marine Education Center and Aquarium near Savannah, Georgia. Interns will be expected to work at the aquarium 5-10 hours per week.

This position is unpaid, but eligible for Experiential Learning Credit through participating universities. Experiential learning is the development of knowledge, skills, abilities, values, behaviors and attitudes through first-hand experiences outside of the traditional classroom. Many colleges and universities provide credit to students who participate in Experiential Learning activities. For UGA students, Experiential Learning credit is required for graduation. For more information about how to receive Experiential Learning Credits through your university, speak to your academic advisor.

Additionally, intern is eligible to receive academic credit, internship credit, and/or directed research credit for the internship through his/her participating University department. It is the responsibility of the intern to enroll in a credit-based course prior to internship start date. If candidate is unsure how to enroll in an internship credit course, speak to an academic advisor at his or her University about available opportunities, and reach out to marineinternship@uga.edu with any specific position-related questions.

Location and Hours

- Position based at UGA Marine Education Center and Aquarium on UGA's Skidaway Marine Science Campus, Skidaway Island (30 Ocean Science Circle)
- Minimum of 5, preferred up to 10 hours per week, Monday – Friday, between the hours of 8 a.m. -4:30 p.m., with some evening and Saturdays possible after training.
- Hours are negotiable based on intern's availability. A schedule will be set with curators after intern's first visit to the aquarium.

Requirements

- 10 weeks/5-10 hours per week
- Internship assessments (Pre- and Post-assessments)
- Function as a team member of the Marine Extension and Georgia Sea Grant faculty, staff, and intern team
- Must pass a university background check.
- Physical ability to work in challenging environments, including outdoors in the heat and lifting objects up to 50 lbs

- Under the supervision of the curators , intern may be responsible for developing and implementing his/her own project that will be presented to faculty/staff at the end of the internship.

Preferred Requirements

- Excellent written and verbal communication skills
- Experience using basic tools for monitoring water quality
- Ability to work independently and as part of a small team
- Red Cross First /CPR certification

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