



Aquarium Science Internship

Purpose

To provide experiential learning opportunities and practical work experience in the field of aquarium science. The position is intended for an undergraduate student or recent graduate to explore career interests, develop skills and develop professional 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 Summer Internship* will be offered May-August 2018. The intern will 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. Onsite housing is provided if needed.

Location and Hours

- Position based at UGA Marine Education Center and Aquarium on UGA's Skidaway Marine Science Campus, (30 Ocean Science Circle, Savannah, GA)
- Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. -4:30 p.m.

Requirements

- 8-10 weeks/40 hours per week
- Internship assessments (Pre- and Post-assessments)
- Current enrollment in an undergraduate marine science (or similar) program, or a recent graduate
- Function as a team member of the Marine Extension and Georgia Sea Grant faculty, staff, volunteer, and intern team
- Must satisfy all requirements for seasonal, temporary hourly employee of the University of Georgia OR undergraduate student worker. Undergraduate student workers must be enrolled in classes prior to and post internship and be able to provide enrollment documentation
- Participant must complete all specified on-boarding trainings, if funding is available for compensation
- Physical ability to work outdoors in summer heat and lift objects up to 50 lbs
- Completion of online training sessions provided through UGA's Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC)

Preferred Requirements

- Previous experience working with public groups including children
- Previous experience with aquarium science, tank maintenance, or working with aquatic animals
- 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

Hourly Rate:

\$12.00/hour

Supervisors

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