

## WonderLab General Animal Exhibits Internships 2022-2023

The exhibits department at WonderLab works diligently to provide and maintain the large variety of exhibits enjoyed by approximately 80,000 visitors per year. WonderLab's live animal collection consists of reptiles, amphibians, a 300-gallon salt water aquarium, and arthropods ranging from honeybees to cockroaches to tarantulas.

Animal Exhibits Interns receive hands-on experience in the many aspects of husbandry including habitat maintenance and repair, medicine distribution, medical and behavioral observation, food preparation as well as exhibit improvement and creation. Animal Exhibits Interns will also do educational outreach through the facilitation of hands-on interactions with museum guests doing live animal demonstrations.

### 2022 Summer Internship

- **May 16, 2022 - August 12, 2022**
- **3 general animal exhibits position available**
- **14-17 hours per week**
- **Application Deadline: April 1, 2022**

### 2022-2023 Academic Year Internship

- **August 15, 2022 – May 5, 2023**
- **6 general Animal exhibits positions available**
- **7-10 hours per week**
- **Application Deadline: July 1, 2022**

**Objective:** To give students hands-on experience in animal husbandry practices grounded in current animal welfare theories while also giving them the tools to communicate hard science to the general public as a means of building bridges between science and the community and making science education accessible to all.

**Internship Type:** Unpaid unless eligible for federal work-study or for class credit

\*Coral reef intern has a stipend but that is a separate application pool with its own requirements. Please see Coral Reef Intern Job Description

### Responsibilities/expectations:

- Daily Animal husbandry including feeding, bathing, morphometric measurements etc
- Maintenance of display habitats including lighting and heating elements, cleaning hides and climbers, changing out substrate etc
- Monitoring habitats for ideal conditions
- Basic Medicine administration and health assessments
- Facilitate one on one interactions between animal ambassadors and the public
- Facilitate educational outreach for classrooms, patron groups or programs related to evolution and animal science
- Upkeep and organization of animal resources and care logs
- To work Bugfest which is a Saturday (10/1/22).
- Completion of 1-2 animal specific projects (Class Credit Interns only)
- Participate in weekly, independent readings with associated quizzes \*not graded for assigning grades but used for benchmarking educational milestones\*

**Preferred skills and qualifications for this position:**

- Interest in biology/animals
- Reliable with a strong work ethic
- Self-motivated
- Excellent communication skills, especially written
- Attention to detail and accuracy
- Experience working with vertebrates and invertebrates is a plus
- Weekend availability: all AY students are required to work our Bugfest event in the Fall
- Enjoys researching and creating educational materials

**Perks:**

- A WonderLab Dual Membership which has reciprocity with other ASTC museums
- Time off during school breaks
- Flexible scheduling
- A multi-faceted internship experience with opportunities to personalize your experience based on your interests and skills

**If you are interested in the Animal Care Internship, please do the following:**

1. Send an introductory email, 2- professional references (note these are not letters of recommendation) resume and cover letter indicating which internship session you are applying for to:

Sam Couch - [animalexhibits@wonderlab.org](mailto:animalexhibits@wonderlab.org)

Animal Exhibits Manager

WonderLab Museum of Health and Technology

2. Fill out an application available on the WonderLab website at <http://wonderlab.org/about-wonderlab/college-student-internships/>