WonderLab Coral Reef Internship 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
- 1 position available
- 7-10 hours per week
- Application Deadline: April 1, 2022

2022-2023 Academic Year Internship

- August 15, 2022 – May 5, 2023
- 1 position 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: Stipend: $500 per semester

Responsibilities:
- Maintain the hardware of the aquarium including but not limited to doser cleaning, media reactor change out, gyre, pumps, algae turf scrubber etc
- Conduct water changes and water quality tests
- Identify disease and injury in a variety of animals including fish, coral and marine invertebrates
- Monitor the behaviors and relationships within the aquarium and adjust accordingly
- 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
- 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*
- Participate in Bugfest (10/1/22)
Preferred skills and qualifications for this position:
- Interest in biology/animals
- Interest in Marine Science and conservation
- 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: it will be expected to work specific evening and weekend programs occasionally through the semester.
- 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
- $500 stipend

If you are interested in the Coral Reef 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
   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/