



POSITION DESCRIPTION Animal Care Internship

Position Title:	Animal Care Intern
Employment Classification:	Internship
Reports to:	Animal Care Coordinator
Department:	Animal Care Department
Salary:	Unpaid

Internship Description

The Living Coast Discovery Center is currently seeking enthusiastic and motivated individuals interested in gaining experience or a career in animal care to participate in a part-time, unpaid internship.

LCDC has a diverse collection of avian and aquatic species including a variety of birds of prey (eagles, owls, falcons, hawks), shorebirds, and local marine species ranging from seahorses to sharks and sea turtles. LCDC is also home to a variety of reptiles such as snakes, lizards, tortoises, and a chameleon.

DUTIES AND KEY RESPONSIBILITIES

- Daily husbandry care and feeding of animals.
- Cleaning and maintenance of animal exhibits and/or aquariums.
- Perform behavioral observations.
- Keep detailed records.
- Diet preparation.
- Animal enrichment.
- Interactions and customer service with guests.
- Deliver interpretive talks and presentations to guests.
- Complete an intern project.

QUALIFICATIONS/SKILLS

Required Qualifications

- Ability to work as a team and with minimal supervision.
- Ability to perform interpretive talks for guest experience during scheduled public feeds.
- Be comfortable handling deceased animals such as fish, mice and rats during food prep.
- Ability to work in outdoor conditions including sun, rain, wind, and heat.
- Be willing to learn about all aspects of animal care.
- Help with any tasks requested by the supervisor with a positive attitude.
- Participants must be able to adjust to changes within the daily routines.
- Ability to lift 50 lbs. and be able to perform physical tasks such as standing, walking, bending, and lifting.

Desired Qualifications:

- Previous animal care experience (may include caring for domestic animals).
- Focus of study in biology, zoology, conservation, or other natural sciences.
- Knowledge of native bird species, aquatic species and/or wetland ecosystems.

Commitment:

- Interns will spend 16 weeks working within the Bird or Aquatic Departments depending on availability and applicants.
- Shifts are 7.5 hours, 8:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m., with a minimum of two days per week availability.
- Must complete 240 hours of service over a 14-18 week period.
- Schedules will depend on each intern’s availability and must be consistent for the duration of the internship.
- Interns will be responsible for one project that they will be able to work on over the course of the internship, and will participate in other professional learning activities.
- Weekend and holiday work may be required.

WORKING ENVIRONMENT/PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS

This position requires to be physically able to perform all duties assigned, which may include the ability to lift up to 50 pounds and pull/push 120 pounds, climb ladders, walk on uneven or wet surfaces, and work in various weather conditions.

HOW TO APPLY

Please send your resume and a short paragraph stating why you are interested in the position to: Beth Sabiston (Beth@thelivingcoast.org). Due to the high volume of applicants, we will only be able to contact those we are interested in interviewing.

Please also complete the online Volunteer Application Form that can be found on our Internship webpage.

There are four intern sessions available each year:

Winter: December 2017-March 2018.

Spring: March 2018-.June 2018.

Summer*: June 2018 – September 2018 (start date is flexible between May 15 - June 25).

Fall: September 2018-December 2018.

*Due to the considerable differences between the end dates for semester and quarter-system schools, allowance is given for individual start dates for the summer session.