



POSITION DESCRIPTION

Animal Care Internships

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

JOB SUMMARY

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

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. LCDC is also home to a variety of reptiles such as snakes, tortoises, and an iguana.

DUTIES AND KEY RESPONSIBILITIES

- Daily care and feeding of animals
- Cleaning and maintenance of animal habitats, aquariums, and tanks
- Perform behavioral observations
- Keep detailed records
- Diet preparation
- Animal enrichment
- Interactions with visitors
- Deliver talks and presentations
- Complete an intern project or task (to be determined)

QUALIFICATIONS/SKILLS

Required Qualifications

- Able to work in a team environment
- Comfortable with public speaking and providing customer service
- Able to lift 50 lbs and be able to perform physical tasks such as standing, walking, bending, and lifting
- Be comfortable handling deceased animals such as fish, mice and rats
- Able 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

Desired Qualifications:

- Some previous animal care experience (can include caring for pets)
- Focus of study in biology, zoology, conservation, or other natural sciences
- Some knowledge of local bird species, aquatic species and/or wetland ecosystems



Commitment:

- Internship will run for 12 weeks starting as availability arises, start date is yet to be determined.
- Interns will spend 12 weeks working with birds or aquatics depending on availability and applicants.
- Shifts will typically be full day (7-8 hours) shifts, with flexible days to accommodate school schedules. Applicants must be able to commit to 14-21 hours per week, for 12 weeks (2-3 shifts/week)
- 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.

WORKING ENVIRONMENT/PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS

This position often requires working outdoors in extreme weather including heat, rain, wind and sun. The nature of this internship also requires applicants to be able to lift up to 50lbs, climb ladders, and perform physical labor.

HOW TO APPLY

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