



Florida Oceanographic Coastal Center

Animal Care Intern-Job Description

Job Title: Animal Care Intern (volunteer)

Department: Animal Care and Life Support

Department Supervisor: Director of Animal Care and Life Support

Purpose: To provide accurate monitoring of water chemistry, diet preparation and feeding, dispersal of medications, and dissemination of information to guests and other volunteers.

Responsibilities: Assist the Animal Care Department in the daily activities and duties

These will include the following:

- Food Preparation
- Medication and Vitamin Disbursement to Animals
- Feeding of Animals
- Cleaning of Exhibits
- Water Chemistry Tests
- Record Keeping
- Quarantine Policy and Procedures
- Public Program Assistance
- Repair and Maintenance of Life Support Systems

Qualifications:

- Marine Biology or Marine Science Background
- Minimum age of 18
- Ability to work 8 hour shifts
- Ability to lift 50 lbs.
- CPR/First Aid desired
- Diving Certification desired
- Commitment of 4 months minimum

Training Consists of:

- Orientation
- Direct hands-on training with Animal Care Staff
- Periodic performance evaluations

Time Commitments:

- We ask that you commit 2-3 days per week
- Shifts are from 8am-4pm

Benefits:

- There is no housing or monetary compensation with this position
- May be eligible to receive college credit – please check with your internship advisor

Florida Oceanographic's Core Values:

- We believe in learning and understanding all we can about Florida's ocean and coastal ecosystems.
- We believe in teaching children and adults about Florida's environments in an exciting and interactive way.
- We believe in helping the visitors to enjoy and learn from their experiences at the Florida Oceanographic Coastal Center.
- We believe that our approach to work is built on respect for one another and teamwork, including all employees and volunteers, creating a good workplace and allowing work to be exciting and fun.
- We believe in providing the best possible care for all living plants and animals within our exhibits.
- We believe in being good stewards of all the material and financial resources made available to us.
- We believe that our activities and actions should encourage others to be better stewards of Florida's ocean and coastal ecosystems.

Mission Statement:

Florida Oceanographic's mission is to inspire environmental stewardship of Florida's coastal ecosystems through education, research and advocacy.

Intern Agreement:

I commit to fulfilling the above responsibilities to the best of my ability. I further acknowledge there may be changes to this position over time and that it is my responsibility to stay current with changes as they pertain to my role at the Coastal Center. I also understand that policies and procedures are set in place for the safety and well-being of the animals, visitors, volunteers, staff and the organization as a whole. Updates to policies and procedures are posted in the volunteer station. I acknowledge it is my responsibility to review changes to policies and procedures at the beginning of each scheduled shift. I commit freely to working with Florida Oceanographic Society, to uphold its core values and strive to fulfill its mission.

Volunteer Name (printed): _____

Volunteer Signature: _____ Date: _____

For Consideration:

After filling out the online volunteer application, please submit a resume or CV with a cover letter expressing your interest to: Brittany Biber, Director of Animal Care and Life Support at bbiber@floridaocean.org