



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:

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

Florida Oceanographic's Core Values:

- We believe in learning and understanding all we can about Florida's ocean and coastal ecosystems.
- We believe in educating children and adults about Florida's ecosystems in an exciting and interactive way.
- We believe in helping 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.
- We believe in restoring ecosystems through hands-on conservation and restoration work.
- We believe in providing sound, fact based scientific information on issues affecting our coastal environment.

Mission Statement:

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

Florida Oceanographic Society's response to COVID-19:

The health and safety of our staff members, interns, volunteers, and guests is our top priority. Florida Oceanographic Society has implemented a number of safety policies, including facility-wide capacity limitations, capacity limitations at specific exhibits, and physical barriers to create separation between guests and staff/interns. Please contact Director of Animal Care and Life Support (bbiber@floridaocean.org or 772-225-0505 x105) if you have specific questions about COVID-19 as it relates to intern responsibilities.

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