



## 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 with Volunteer Coordinator
- 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 and capacity limitations at specific exhibits.

**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 [bhascup@floridaocean.org](mailto:bhascup@floridaocean.org).