

## **Apprentice Aquarist Internship (Full Time)**

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While interning with the Fish, Invertebrate, and Bird department you are expected to work alongside staff members to maintain and care for all fish, invertebrates, reptiles and amphibians housed at the facility. The Apprentice Aquarist Internship is designed so you will be able to complete the day-to-day tasks of an aquarist at our facility by the end of your internship. Interns are expected to work both independently and as part of a team. Interns will also be expected to select a project to complete during their time here. Working with our animals is considered a privilege, which comes with intensive training and a considerable amount of dedicated time. While most of our interns successfully complete training needed to work with our animals, we cannot guarantee animal contact or interaction.

In addition to completing the online application, applicants must submit a cover letter, resume, and letter of recommendation. Interns must also attend an orientation session before the start of the internship.

Duties may include, but are not limited to assisting with the following:

- Aquatic Husbandry: Daily care and checks of specimens, record keeping, daily food preparation, culturing live food, partial water changes, assist with enrichment and training sessions, cleaning and organizing back-up areas, and assisting with the overall appearance of all exhibits.
- Water Quality & Life Support: Performing tests to monitor water quality of all exhibits, cleaning filtration systems, maintaining life support equipment, shadowing life support supervisor.
- Understanding of AZA animal protocols and standards.
- Interns will also assist with special projects as needed.

Qualifications for internship:

- Minimum of a college junior in a marine biology, environmental science, or another related field.
- Recent graduates may also apply.
- Must be able to lift at least 50lbs.
- Must be available to work 40 hours per week with at least one shift on a weekend.
- Must be able to complete a 12-14 week term.
- Interns are needed daily from 7:30 am- 4:00 pm.
- Must be comfortable working with live food cultures, such as mealworms, beetles, fruit flies, and brine shrimp.

**Availability:**

- Summer only

**Deadline for application:**

Summer-March 1<sup>st</sup>

For more information or questions, please email [kmccarthy@aquariumofniagara.org](mailto:kmccarthy@aquariumofniagara.org).

## Apprentice Penguin Keeper Internship (Full Time)

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While interning with the Fish, Invertebrate, and Bird department you are expected to work alongside staff members to maintain and care for the Humboldt penguin colony housed at the facility. The Apprentice Aquarist Internship is designed so you will be able to complete the day-to-day tasks of a Penguin Keeper at our facility by the end of your internship. Interns are expected to work both independently and as part of a team. Interns will also be expected to select a project to complete during their time here. Working with our animals is considered a privilege, which comes with intensive training and a considerable amount of dedicated time. While most of our interns successfully complete training needed to work with our animals, we cannot guarantee animal contact or interaction.

In addition to completing the online application, applicants must submit a cover letter, resume, and letter of recommendation. Interns must also attend an orientation session before the start of the internship.

Duties may include, but are not limited to assisting with the following:

- Feeding: Food preparations, weighing and cleaning of thawed fish, cleaning the animal commissary.
- Husbandry and Maintenance: Cleaning exhibit, nest boxes, and quarantine areas, as well as food preparation.
- Record Keeping: Recording food and vitamin intake, maintaining health records and training progress sheets.
- Veterinary: Assisting in the weighing and measuring of the animals.
- Training Techniques: Understanding operant conditioning by observing training demonstrations.
- Understanding of AZA animal protocols and standards.
- Assisting with public encounters and giving public presentations.

Qualifications for internship:

- Minimum of a college junior in a marine biology, psychology, zoology, biology or another related field.
- Recent graduates may also apply.
- Must be able to afford housing and transportation.
- Must be able to lift at least 50lbs.
- Must be available to work 40 hours per week with at least one shift on a weekend.
- Must be able to complete a 12-14 week term.
- Interns are needed daily from 7:30 am- 4:00 pm.

### Availability:

- Summer only

### Deadline for application:

Summer-March 1<sup>st</sup>

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