



## **JOB POSTING**

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**Job Title:** Senior Aquarist  
**Status:** Full-time  
**Number of Positions:** 1

**Classification:** Hourly  
**Pay Range:** Starting at \$19/hour  
**Reports to:** Curator of Fish and Invertebrates

### **Description**

The Senior Aquarist's primary objective and responsibility is to function in primary and supportive roles in all animal care and husbandry including diet preparation, disease recognition and treatment, habitat design, set-up, care and maintenance, life support system construction and operation, animal observations, and husbandry staff supervision. The Senior Aquarist, when directed, will also be responsible to carry out the daily tasks in the absence of the Fish and Invertebrate management.

### **Essential Responsibilities**

- Support the Fish & Invertebrates Department Management in its operational role, keeping it informed on internal conditions and external developments that impact the functioning of the Fish & Invertebrates Department, animal management, husbandry, public programming, any needs within the department with accurate and timely information to enable responsible and informed decision-making.
- Maintain a high level of professionalism and perform as a role model to Fish & Invertebrates staff by exhibiting common sense decision making, critical skills and problem-solving skills.
- Always strive to build and maintain a cooperative attitude and working relationship with colleagues.
- Able to cover any exhibit within the departments collection.
- Possess strong knowledge of aquatic and herpetology husbandry including: dietary requirements, parasites, quarantine procedures, life histories, biology, and behavior.
- Have a strong comfort level working with multiple life support systems of different sizes.
- May be asked to take on advanced responsibility and oversight of our internship and volunteer programs, or similar leadership roles.
- May lead or collaborate on renovation projects.

### **Requested Requirements**

- Minimum of an Associate's degree (Bachelor's degree preferred) in life sciences/biology with a minimum four (4) years of relevant experience and progressive growth through hands-on work in aquatic animal care in husbandry, and exhibit development, with emphasis on fresh and marine fishes, invertebrates, amphibians, and reptiles.
- In lieu of a degree, 6 years of relevant experience and progressive growth through hands-on work in aquatic animal care in husbandry, and exhibit development, with emphasis on fresh and marine fishes, invertebrates, amphibians, and reptiles.
- Must have good observation skills and be able to communicate both orally and in writing.
- Must be able to work on a team, as well as function individually with no supervision when necessary.
- Possess experience with electronic records keeping (TRACKS/ZIMS).
- Must have a current SCUBA Certification with a minimum of documented 15 hours of exhibit maintenance diving.

### **Working Conditions**

- Must be able to walk, stand, sit, kneel, stoop, crawl, twist, reach above head, pull bend, and climb.
- Must be able to lift and carry fifty (50) pounds, work on un-even and slippery surfaces, withstand temperatures of hot and cold, and sit/stand for long periods of time when necessary.
- Must be able to work weekends, holidays, various hours, and overnights if needed.

### **To Apply**

Please send resume and cover letter to [rcalderon@aquariumofniagara.org](mailto:rcalderon@aquariumofniagara.org) no later than January 20, 2023. Be sure to include Senior Aquarist in the subject line of any correspondences.

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