



## Sea Lion and Tropical Bird Training Internship

Coral World Ocean Park is a privately owned marine park in the U.S. Virgin Islands. The park houses 5 South American sea lions who participate in a variety of interactive programs (both in and out of the water) and public presentations. Coral World is also home to 12 Lorikeets and 2 Macaws. We are looking for enthusiastic individuals who would like to gain experience in the field of animal training and husbandry.

This internship is designed to give our interns practical experience in the animal training and husbandry field for the purpose of career development. Interns will learn about all aspects of working in a marine mammal facility by working closely alongside trainers, completing an internship project, and participating in a 3-part development program:

**Operation Modules-** Teaches various operational duties involved with working at a marine mammal facility

**Hands-On Training Progressions-** Allows the intern to gain practical training experience by working directly with our sea lions during various types of training sessions

**Animal Training Lectures/Discussions-** Discusses advanced animal training concepts and terminology through a series of power point lectures in a round table format

This is a very hands-on internship, where interns develop their knowledge by assisting with all elements of training the animals. Our progressive program allows interns to learn and implement different animal training concepts as they advance through each stage of the internship. Our interns are a valuable part of our team and work right by our side!

Since living on an island can be expensive, Coral World offers a **RENT FREE housing option** to our interns within walking distance to the facility. To qualify interns may be asked to assist in additional duties outside of work; for more information please contact us!



### Essential Responsibilities

- Participate in the daily husbandry and behavioral training of our resident sea lions and tropical birds
- Assist trainers with cleaning and maintenance, program photography, and diet preparation
- Interact with guests by assisting with animal programs and guided tours
- Complete and present an individual internship project

### Requirements

- Must be a current college student or recent graduate
- Must be physically fit and able to lift 50 pounds
- Must be a team player and have a positive attitude
- Must be aware of the challenges of living on a Caribbean island (remote location, high cost of living, extreme heat, etc.)

Coral World interns are a part of our very close animal training team. We only bring in 2-3 interns at any one time (with overlapping start and end dates), with the program designed to run 3-6 months. Please submit a resume, cover letter, and letter of recommendation via email to Kayla Nyselius at the email address below with Marine Mammal Internship in the subject line.

**Kayla Nyselius**

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For more information search for "Coral World Sea Lions" on Facebook or check out the Coral World website at coralworldvi.com!