



## Aquarium Exhibits Internship

Coral World Ocean Park is a privately owned marine park located on St. Thomas in the U.S. Virgin Islands. The park showcases local species in order to educate locals and park guests on the importance of the conservation of the marine ecosystem. Coral world houses a variety of marine animals in an assortment of exhibits, allowing guests to “get their feet wet” as they learn how to conserve and protect the marine environment by participating in animal encounters, engaging in interactive feedings, and learning from public presentations. We are looking for enthusiastic individuals who would like to gain hands on experience in the field of marine animal husbandry!

This internship is designed to give practical experience in the aquarium field for the purpose of career development. Interns will work side-by-side with the aquarist team to learn the aspects of animal husbandry, how to provide conservation messaging, and become fully immersed in the day-to-day activities of an aquarist. In order to achieve these goals, interns will follow a specific development program:

- ♦ Operation Modules – these will help provide teaching opportunities related to various operational duties involved with working in the aquarium husbandry field
- ♦ Hands-On Animal Experience – provides the intern the opportunity to gain practical husbandry experience by working directly with green sea turtles, sharks, southern stingrays, invertebrates, and various other species of fish
- ♦ Internship Presentation – will provide practical research development and public speaking experience to interns as they implement and present a research project on a topic of their choice

This is a very hands-on internship where interns develop their knowledge by assisting with all elements of caring for the animals and engaging the public. Our progressive program allows interns to learn and implement different husbandry and maintenance skills as they advance through each stage of the internship.



### ***Essential Responsibilities:***

- ♦ Participate in the daily husbandry of our aquatic animal collection ♦ Assist aquarists with the maintenance of exhibits, food preparation, animal observations, and record keeping ♦ Interact with guests by narrating public presentations

### ***Requirements:***

- ♦ Must have open water SCUBA certification or higher ♦ Must be physically fit and able to lift 60 pounds ♦ Must be a current college student or recent graduate ♦ Must be a team player, have a positive attitude, and an outgoing personality ♦ Must be aware of the challenges of living on a Caribbean island (remote location, high cost of living, extreme heat, etc.)

Our interns are a part of a very small and dedicated team. We only bring in one intern at a time with the program designed for 480 hours of commitment. Housing is not available at this time and must be secured by applying candidates. Please submit a resume, cover letter, and a letter of recommendation via email to the address below with *Aquarist Internship* as the subject:

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