



Tampa Bay Watch, INC.

Position: Tampa Bay Watch Discovery Center - Animal Husbandry Intern

Department: Tampa Bay Watch Discovery Center

Reports to: Education Coordinator and Animal Husbandry Specialist

Job Type: Unpaid Seasonal Internship

Location: St. Petersburg Pier

Position Description:

Under the supervision of the Education Coordinator and the Animal Husbandry Specialist, the Animal Husbandry Internship will provide qualified students and recent graduates the opportunity to develop skills in general animal care, handling, feeding, and enclosure maintenance. Interns will provide high standards of animal care to a diverse group of reptiles, amphibians, invertebrates, and fish. Interns may also assist with facilitating educational animal encounters and promoting environmental awareness and wildlife conservation.

Interns will work an agreed upon number of hours per week. This internship is seasonal, the fall season runs from September to December, the spring season runs from January to April, and the summer season runs from May to August. Applications are accepted year round for the upcoming season.

Intern duties and tasks may include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Learn and assist with routine animal care procedures
- Learn and assist with animal health and behavior monitoring procedures
- Assist with diet preparation and feeding
- Assist with the delivery of treatments and medications
- Provide support during veterinary visits
- Assist with cleaning and maintenance of animal habitats and enclosures, including plant care
- Assist with enclosure design and construction
- Perform water quality testing related to animal habitats
- Assist with animal related data collection and record keeping
- Assist with research and planning for upcoming animal exhibits
- Complete a variety of relevant weekly and/ or monthly assignments
- Perform other duties as assigned

Qualifications:

- Must be 18 or older
- Eligible participants are students who are enrolled in or recently graduated from an accredited college or university
- Excellent communication skills
- Demonstrated interest in working with animals and communicating with visitors
- Must be self-motivated, energetic, creative, adaptable, and have the ability to work both independently and with a team
- A driver's license and proof of health insurance
- Interns must pass a background check, which includes fingerprinting and will be paid for by the Discovery Center
- Must be able to receive and follow instructions to maintain a safe work environment for personnel, visitors, and animals
- Must be able to perform the physical aspects of the position including walking to and throughout the pier, lifting/carrying equipment weighing approximately 50 lbs., sitting, kneeling, stooping, crawling, twisting, reaching above the head, pulling, bending, and climbing stairs and ladders
- Candidates must be able and willing to perform internship duties indoors, outdoors, and in all safe weather conditions

Additional Information:

This internship is unpaid and housing is not provided. This internship may provide college credit, with approval from the university and professor. Intern will be responsible for all transportation costs and personal health insurance. A background check, including fingerprinting, will be required at the expense of Tampa Bay Watch.

To apply, please send your resume and a short cover letter introducing yourself and explaining why you would like to intern for the Tampa Bay Watch Discovery Center **as one single PDF attachment saved as YourName_AnimalHusbandryIntern** to tbwdcjobs@tampabaywatch.org. Include "Animal Husbandry Intern" in the email subject line.