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## Aquarist Internship Description

### **Our expectations**

#### *Promptness*

All interns are expected to arrive on time and stick to their predetermined schedule. If he/she cannot make it in one day, the intern coordinator must be notified a week prior. We understand incidents may arise suddenly (i.e. sickness, car issues, etc.) preventing the intern from attending their internship; in this case, the intern must call or email the intern coordinator as soon as possible describing the situation. Chronic or habitual absenteeism or lateness and/or early departure from work will not be tolerated.

#### *Professionalism and attire*

Professionalism is a key attribute to have in the work force and is expected while at the Long Island Aquarium. A Long Island Aquarium shirt will be provided to each successful applicant, but he/she must provide their own khaki pants or shorts. Everyday each intern is expected to bring a bathing suit, water shoes, and a towel.

#### *Requirements*

All interns must be able to work at least one full day each week (approximately 9:00 am to 5:30pm) to ensure they experience all aspects of working in an aquarium. They must also provide their own transportation and lodging, be 18 years of age or older, and be currently enrolled in college.

### **What interns can expect**

#### *Training*

All accepted applicants can expect to acquire knowledge and hands on experience with saltwater and freshwater systems, aquaculture practices, and a diverse array of marine life including fish, invertebrates, and plankton. Note: Direct animal interaction is up to the discretion of the aquarist staff. It also depends upon animal behavior (due to seasonal changes, etc.) and the student's ability and achievement.

#### *Labor intensive*

Animal husbandry practices including; water changes, food preparation, scrubbing, exhibit maintenance, water quality assessment, and filtration cleaning are all skills that interns will be taught throughout the duration of the program. The animal care field requires us to be on our feet all day and may require heavy lifting.

#### *Field work*

All interns in the summer and late fall will get the opportunity to collect specimens for the Long Island Aquarium through methods such as seining, dip netting, and snorkeling.

#### *Resources*

Each intern will get to work closely with all of the aquarists, allowing further gain of knowledge. Also, they will have access to an array of books and articles to answer any other questions they may have.

#### *Opportunities*

There is opportunity for any intern that dedicates four or more days a week to their internship to pursue an independent project that interests them. After discussion between an aquarist and intern, resources may be provided to carry out their desired research. College credit may also be awarded, dependent on the intern's college or university.

The application for an aquarist internship with the Long Island Aquarium can be found at:

<http://www.longislandaquarium.com/aquarium-info/get-involved/college-internship-opportunities/>