

Animal Care and Training Internship

Internships are designed primarily for college students and recent graduates who wish to gain valuable experience that will be beneficial for anyone pursuing a career involving marine animals.

Internship Description:

Interns work directly with the Animal Care and Training Staff and are exposed to all aspects of daily care and training of our dolphins. Heavy emphasis is placed on basic tasks such as food preparation, daily cleaning and chores, assistance with guest interaction programs, and interacting with the public. Interns shadow trainers and learn about operant conditioning of marine mammals and husbandry involving medical training and procedures through observation. They may also assist in training and feeding sessions as they gain experience. Our interns also spend time with our Education Department learning how to teach the educational components of our programs.

Requirements:

Internships are unpaid and require a minimum commitment of 40 hours a week for approximately 3 months. Internships are held four times a year: Fall (August- November), Winter (November – February), Spring (February – May), and Summer (May – August). Candidates must have a positive attitude, good work ethic, and a strong willingness to learn. This job requires long periods of working in all weather conditions as well as lifting objects up to 50lbs. Interns are responsible for their own housing, food, and transportation.

Academic Credit :

Students can often obtain credit from their college or university upon completion of the internship program.

Application Procedure:

Applicants must submit all of the following:

- Completed Intern Application (which can be downloaded from our website at www.marineland.net) *
- Three letters of recommendation (college or professional references preferred)
- College Transcripts
- Resume

** Applicants may send a CD, DVD, or standard VHS video of themselves answering the questions on the back of the Intern Application in lieu of written answers.*

Application Deadlines:

Spring Session - December 1, 2007

Summer Session - March 1, 2008

Fall Session - June 1, 2008

Winter Session - September 1, 2008

Applications can be downloaded from our website: www.marineland.net

Applications can be mailed to:

Dolphin Conservation Center at Marineland
Attention: Intern Coordinator
9600 Ocean Shore Blvd.
St. Augustine, FL 32080

For more information, contact:

Intern Coordinator at 904-460-1275 x 117 or intern@marineland.net

Or visit our website at www.marineland.net