Sea Quest Interactive Aquarium
Aquarium/Aviary Internship

The SeaQuest Interactive Aquarium in a unique animal encounter that will provide visitors with a hands on aquatic, aviary and amphibian experience. Visitors can expect to touch, feed and play with our animals with a very structured and safe environment for our animals. We are looking for interns who will be able to help design, build and consult on the environments for our newly constructed exhibits scheduled to be open in June of 2016. Interns will have the opportunity to stay on as part of our full time staff based on performance.

Interns will be introduced to basic animal care and husbandry techniques by assisting aquarium staff in daily care and maintenance of the fish and invertebrate collection, life support systems and exhibit development. Our goal is to build on the intern’s current education and background with new practical knowledge and skills, which may prove useful in a career in aquatic animal care and beyond. This position is a volunteer position and the aquarium will work with the University to provide credit based on time available. There are many different schedules and programs we can make available based on need and commitment.

We are looking for zoology, biology, chemistry, geosciences, botany, geosciences and will consider other business, marketing, construction management and education majors as well.

Under guidance of Aquarium staff, the intern will learn and demonstrate the ability to do the following and more:

• Assist in the design and help in the building process of the attractions.
• Care for the various fishes, amphibians and birds in exhibit settings and holding tanks.
• Recognize animal diet needs and assist with daily diet preparations and feeding marine organisms.
• Assist staff with routine cleaning of exhibits, food prep room and service areas.
• Monitor water system conditions using standard water quality measuring instruments and techniques.
• Assist the Aquarium staff with specimen design and safe acquisition techniques to set up the overall exhibit. Maintain compatibility between fish and other animals sharing the same exhibits.
• Recognize native marine plant and animal species, their natural history, and deliver such information to visitors in our galleries and on behind the scenes tours.
• Maintain current and accurate records on animal health and behavior.
• Recognizing healthy animals and practices leading to the overall health of all animals including learning quarantine practices.
• Upkeep of décor and design.
• Public speaking with visitors.
• Hosting field trip tours, birthday parties and corporate tours.
• Company and animal rights representation.

Please send resume to Brad Boyle at bjboyle@gmail.com along with cover letter explaining to us about your desire for working with our internship program. Other questions can be emailed or call 801-200-6124.