

Aquarium Internship

Time Commitment: Flexible Schedule, at least 6 hours/week during business hours (Monday-Friday 8-3). Ideal schedule would be 2-3 hours/day, 2-3 hours/week.

Background: The MaST Center Aquarium is a flow through aquarium system that first started in 2003. It features approximately 4,000 gallons of saltwater pulled directly from Poverty Bay constantly and has 15 display tanks holding approximately 250 species of local marine fish, invertebrate, and macroalgae species.

These animals and systems require daily care and maintenance, and the life support team at the MaST Center Aquarium is looking for interns to assist with animal husbandry, tank cleaning, and feeding. Depending on the season and individual interests, additional projects may be available if time allows.

Position Description and Responsibilities: Interns will primarily be working in the aquarium; performing tank maintenance, feeding, and other tasks as assigned. After learning the basic skills necessary to perform these tasks, an informal discussion with the lead aquarist may introduce other areas of animal care as time allows.

This internship does involve working around animals, in wet and dry (hot) conditions outdoors, and occasionally on uneven terrain (such as the beach). Please contact the Lead Aquarist if you have questions about this at majohnson@highline.edu.

Skills Gained: A successful intern will learn marine animal care and husbandry skills and techniques, including (but not limited to): food preparation and feed delivery, habitat and life support maintenance in an open system, water quality experience, animal health monitoring for basic signs of sickness, and record keeping. There is also potential for additional professional development and resume building opportunities.

Application: Submit a cover letter and resume to the Lead Aquarist at majohnson@highline.edu. In the cover letter, please include the following:

- What is your experience with animal care (marine or otherwise)?
- What are you hoping to gain from this internship?
- What would your ideal schedule be for an internship, and are those days/times flexible?

For questions or more information, please contact Malik Johnson at majohnson@highline.edu.