



Position: Aquarist Department Intern

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The Shaw Centre for the Salish Sea is an award-winning aquarium and learning centre focused on the marine life of the Salish Sea. It is a not-for-profit organization located on the waterfront in Sidney, BC.

Internship Details:

The aquarist department internship provides hands-on experience in animal husbandry, as well as in the basic maintenance and design of life support systems. The successful applicant must be able to volunteer a minimum of 250 hours within 6 months. Schedules can be flexible depending on the needs of the aquarium and those of the applicant. This internship is unpaid.

Internships are ongoing and positions are filled as the need arises.

Responsibilities:

As an aquarist intern with the Shaw Centre for the Salish Sea, you will assist our Aquarists and team of volunteers with their daily duties. Responsibilities include, but are not limited to: Daily food prep and feeding, aquarist cleaning duties, water quality monitoring, exhibit maintenance and cleaning, life support system maintenance, collection/transport of animals, and record-keeping.

Requirements:

The successful applicant will:

- Be enrolled in or have completed a degree in marine biology, zoology, environmental technology, or related field
- Have knowledge of fish and invertebrates
- Demonstrate great attention to detail
- Maintain cleanliness and order in support areas and habitats
- Be self motivated, resourceful, and show initiative
- Be comfortable working unsupervised and following precise routines
- Have proven guest/public interaction skills
- Have proven written and verbal communication skills
- Be able to lift, push, or pull 50 lbs, as well as climb ladders, and be comfortable working in confined spaces.
- Present a satisfactory criminal record check, including a Vulnerable Sector Search
- Willingness to dig in and work hard!

Desired qualifications:

- Experience in the field of aquarium husbandry
- Experience with home aquariums
- Willingness to work weekends and holidays
- Valid BC class 5 drivers license (or equivalent)

Applications including a letter of interest, a reference letter, and resume should be sent electronically to Kit Thornton, Chief Aquarist, Shaw Centre for the Salish Sea at kit.thornton@salishseacentre.org