



## **Sciencenter Internship Opportunity**

### Live Collections and Exhibits Intern

#### **About the Sciencenter**

**Mission:** *Cultivate a broad community of curious, confident, critical thinkers.*

**Vision:** *A world where people explore, connect, and create through science.*

The Sciencenter is a non-profit hands-on science museum in Ithaca, NY. We are a nationally recognized institution, hosting 100,000 guests on-site each year and reaching over 1.5 million people worldwide through traveling exhibitions and off-site outreach programs. Volunteers, interns, and work study students are an integral part of our team. For more information, visit: <http://www.sciencenter.org>.

#### **Internship Description**

The Live Collections & Exhibits Intern learns about and assists the Curator of Live Exhibits and Animal Keepers with providing animal husbandry and exhibit maintenance for the Sciencenter's live animal exhibits. With the exhibits team, this intern also learns about and contributes to the interpretation, content, and design for exhibits. Additionally, the intern will enhance the guest experience by engaging them with exhibits and live animals.

#### **Opportunities and Responsibilities:**

- Learns about and provides daily animal care for Sciencenter's live animal collection. Activities include daily feeding and habitat cleaning, water changes, monitoring life support systems, and general troubleshooting.
- Learns about and performs routine water quality tests, and analyzes data.
- Learns to monitor animal health and works with Curator of Live Exhibits to learn about and help with appropriate treatments or actions to ensure optimal animal care.
- Learns to maintain proper animal husbandry logs to document animal care and water quality.
- Learns proper animal handling techniques and provides appropriate guest/animal interactions.
- Maintains animal support areas by keeping them clean and organized.
- Learns about developing content for science exhibits and contributes to interpreting exhibits on our floor.
- Learns about and contributes to the design and fabrication of science exhibits.

#### **Experience and Skill Requirements:**

- High school student with a strong interest in live animal care and/or exhibit development.
- Enthusiasm for the Sciencenter's mission of cultivating a broad community of curious, confident, critical thinkers.
- Strong customer service orientation and willingness to provide assistance to others.
- Flexible and willing to learn new things.
- Open to receiving feedback from supervisors and peers. Able to respect divergent viewpoints and accept decisions that have been made by others.
- Collaborative spirit and respectful toward colleagues, volunteers and guests.

#### **Schedule and Stipend**

This opportunity is offered to high school students for 320 hours of internship work during the 2022-2023 school year. The stipend is \$4,800.

**Working Conditions:**

Must work well in both an individual and team setting. Ability to carry, lift and move heavy items (at least 40lbs.) is required.

For this federally funded internship, you must be a US Citizen to apply.

**How to Apply:**

To apply, follow the link on our website under the position description and fill out the Google Form. Or go to this address: <https://forms.gle/FCDLVyRghvxuP8dg7>